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East St. Louis enters race for National City land

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

What was a two-way battle between the city of Madison and village of Fairmont City to take control of the former village of National City has become a three-way race.

But St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida said Tuesday that action by the National City Village Board Friday is probably illegal.

On Monday, East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush said his city is interested in annexing about 1,100 acres in the former National City and adjacent riverfront property.

"We see this as an opportunity for the city to expand its boundaries and

to enhance economic opportunities," Bush said.

Bush said East St. Louis could use the property for a long-planned warehouse or an industrial park.

The remaining obstacle is to get property owners to agree to the annexation, Bush said.

"We're just very excited about this opportunity," Bush said. "We plan to make it happen."

On Friday, the East St. Louis City Council approved extending police and fire protection to the former village and start working toward annexation.

The action was taken after the National City Village Board met to dissolve the village and seek volun-

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 East St. Louis

tary annexation into the city.

In an ordinance filed last Friday, the National City Village Board cited it's "inherent problems in providing for the health, welfare, safety and sanitation needs" of the village.

The ordinance also said the board recognized "our historical ties to

East St. Louis and St. Clair County."

Officials with St. Louis National Stockyards said Tuesday they were informed about the city's intentions Monday.

"It was news to us," said Joe Frei, vice president of economic development for the stockyards. "We were

just contacted yesterday for the first time. We don't know what they are going to be proposing."

Frei said they also have received proposals from Fairmont City and Madison, and all three were under consideration.

"We're not surrounded by East St. Louis, so they can't just take us," he said.

All this came after the Illinois Supreme Court refused to consider an appeal of the dissolution of the village of National City.

On Wednesday, the court announced it was declining to hear the appeal.

(See LAND, Page 2A)

Crossing closed 17 months after fatality

Battle ends for family, friends of Eric Ivie

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

A simple, white, wooden cross planted next to steel rails once was the only marker for the place Eric Ivie lost his life.

Now, wooden gates and metal signs blocking access to Oldenburg Road betray the history of the crossing.

State officials ordered the road blocks installed at the end of January, and now the shortcut from Old Alton to New Pong is gone. Ivie had been following his brother, Jason, home after jumping Jason's car on Sept. 15, 1996. They were traveling west on Oldenburg, the brother crossed over the tracks first. He apparently saw a train coming toward him.

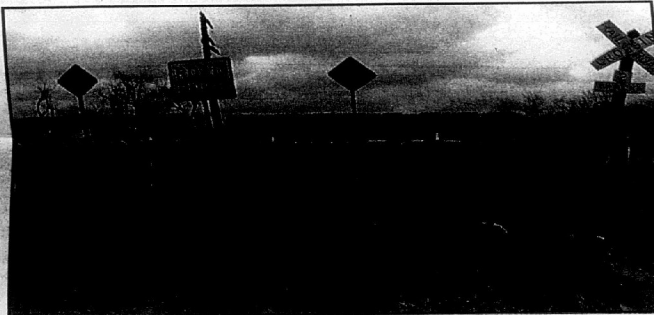
"Jason was on the tracks when he saw train," said Scott Gavvin, a close friend of Eric Ivie. "He went over, and figured (Eric would) see it. Engineer only pulled the whistle when he hit Eric."

The car was thrown about 40 feet, and Eric Ivie was apparently killed instantly. Mitchell Fire Protection District officials said then that it was the first accident at that crossing in a long time.

The crossing did not have lights or gates, but rather a crossbuck sign, which only warns motorists they are about to cross tracks. The road rises to meet the tracks. When approaching from either direction, visibility of the tracks is limited, especially during harvest season when the corn grown near the east side of the tracks is tall.

The lack of an electronic signal at the crossing had consumed Scott Gavvin of Springfield for the past year.

"He was one of my best friends... because of somebody else's ignorance, he's gone," Gavvin said then.



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Oldenburg Road at the railroad tracks is blocked by these signs. State officials closed off the road after more than a year-long fight to make the crossing safer.

Gavvin, family and friends maintain if there had been a better warning signal, Ivie would still be alive.

"I made a promise to Eric's mother myself and Eric that something would get done so this wouldn't happen again, and... make people aware this happened," he said.

Gavvin and Ivie's family went to Chouteau Township, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), State Rep. Steve Davis and the rail-

road company for help in getting a signal.

The ICC investigated, and in December 1996 recommended that Oldenburg be closed. However, a landowner farms the land near the tracks and uses Oldenburg as an access, so the road stayed open.

The Commerce Commission then told Gavvin the township could petition the ICC to get all interested parties including the railroad, (See TRACKS, Page 2A)

Victim scammed in pigeon drop

Police warn residents to be cautious

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Another scam artist is operating in the Granite City area, and police are warning people to be wary. According to police reports, the incident took place Friday at the Granite City Knatt. An area woman was approached by an unidentified woman and was asked to take a large amount of cash, and was told she had found a victim had to turn it up some money of her own, and they could later split the large sum.

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The scam artist then left with the area woman's money, and never came back. The incident, known more officially as a "pigeon drop," is more commonly called a "pigeon drop."

"(It's) the first one of those we've had in a long while," said Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department. "The pigeon-drop scam artists rely upon the kindness of people to help them out, Pomeroy said."

If unsure of a situation where another offers to share some found money, be cautious, police warn.

If anyone comes up to a person offering a large amount of money, get away as fast as you can, try to get a license plate and call (police) immediately," Pomeroy said.

"The age-old adage applies. If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is," he said. According to police reports, the victim was approached by a woman who said she had found a large amount of cash in a blue, zippered money bag.

The suspect said she found the bag on the (See SCAM, Page 5A)

Courts indict three men in unrelated incidents

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Two residents of Granite City and one from Pontoon Beach were indicted Monday in three separate incidents.

In the first, Quinn A. Sexton, 36, of Granite City was indicted

on one count of a Class 3 aggravated battery.

According to court and police reports, Sexton allegedly caused bodily harm Feb. 7 to a victim's eye with a lit cigarette, and then hit the victim in the head with his fist. Sexton apparently knew the

victim was an undercover police officer engaged in executing his duties, said Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department.

Sexton flicked at the officer a lit cigarette, which hit him in the eye, and then struck him, Pomeroy said.

Judge Charles Romani Jr. has set bail at \$40,000. Sexton is currently being held at Madison County Jail.

In an unrelated incident, Jason M. Krause, 23, of Granite City was indicted on one count of Class 2 aggravated battery of a child Feb. 7.

According to court reports, Krause allegedly hit the victim's head repeatedly with his hand. The victim is a child under age 13.

Bail for Krause has been set at \$75,000. Krause is being held in Madison County Jail.

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Perfect matches

Family rallies around transplant patient

By Michael Hayes
 Telegraph staff writer

It's never easy for parents to see one of their children sick, but Madison County Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner and his wife, Mary, are staying positive.

The Keshners' 23-year-old daughter, Margaret, is in need of a kidney transplant. And although the future looks bright for Margaret, times are tough now.

Margaret's kidneys have not been functioning properly for more than six years. She has been able to maintain kidney production that has been efficient enough through a diet designed by her doctors, but Margaret's kidneys have continued to decline.

Since January, Margaret has been being treated with dialysis three times a week. The procedure removes

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Mary Keshner

toxins from her body, much as a properly functioning kidney would.

"It's very rough seeing her so weak," Mary Keshner said. "She's near 16 to 20 pounds underweight. Being so sick, she has no appetite, and with her diet, it's hard to put on weight."

Margaret's kidneys are functioning at only 7 percent

of what they should be. A kidney transplant is the next step, and the prognosis for a successful transplant is good.

Margaret has three siblings out of five who have been found by tests to be 'perfect' donor candidates.

Doctors are building her body's strength back up so they can take the first step toward a transplant. They hope to remove her infected kidneys in about three or four months. The next step again would build her strength and proceed with the transplant.

"You're lucky to find one person who is a good match," Mary Keshner said.

"But to have three perfect matches is unbelievable." Margaret is more positive now. She can see a time when this will be over, she says. She credits her doctors (See MATCH, Page 5A)

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Zachary Tatum, 4

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Mecalin Winfield, 4

"My Na-Na and my Pa-Pa and my Mother. I stay with my Na-Na every day. My Pa-Pa too. My Mom says I can stay with them every day."

Dillon Rinehardt, 4

"My Mommy and my Grandpa. I will make them a card at school."

Erica Hay, 4

"My Mama. I got sharp teeth cards to give to everybody."

Collin Wasson, 3

Photos by Shirley Valencia
Interviews by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at Tri-City Child Development Center

Scott AFB will be ready to join military forces

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

The United States will be ready for what it has to do. That was U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Duncan McNabb's reaction Monday to a possible military attack against Iraq. "We are setting the bridges into motion and getting ready to execute," he said.

The United States and Britain are threatening to attack Iraq if it does not give unconditional access to United Nations inspectors who are charged with overseeing the dismantling of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

McNabb said plans for a possible attack are proceeding "very smoothly" and that the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base is working around the clock in preparation of Phoenix Scorpion II.

The TACC is the Air Mobility Command's hub for planning and directing a fleet of more than 1,300 aircraft in support of combat delivery and strategic airlift, air refueling and aeromedical operations around the world.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen also announced Monday that the United States is deploying an additional 3,000 troops to Kuwait.

McNabb said following the briefing — which was attended by more than 30 members of the press — he was unaware of Cohen's decision.

McNabb also declined to comment about the sequence of events that are planned for Iraq.

At the briefing, McNabb detailed the airlift and air refueling capabilities in support of U.S. war fighting commanders.

Tracks

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The commission and the township, to bring changes to the intersection.

Gavin said he saw no results for several months. However, more than a year later, Ivie now has more to mark his memory than the cross by the tracks.

Family and friends held a candlelight vigil last September at the railroad crossing at Oldenburg and Old Alton roads, where Ivie was killed.

"The goal by (1997) was to have gates up, and have a plaque, in place of the temporary cross," Gavin said.

Land

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The original suit had been filed by the National City officials after St. Clair County attempted to have the village disbanded because it didn't have enough residents.

The county's action had been prompted by complaints by the St. Louis National Stockyards, which owns most of the property in the village, about high taxes and an attempt by the village board to license a strip club in the village.

The stockyards evicted the residents, and the county has blocked efforts to create another residential area.

The village argued the county must wait until the next regular, or decennial, census in the year 2000.

The appellate court rejected the argument. Haida said he did not believe the village's actions were

legal. "I have questions about the legality of the village board's actions last week for a couple of different reasons," he said.

First, he said a court order against the village would prevent such actions. He also said the meeting was probably illegal.

"I have suspicions that the Open Meetings Act was violated, (and) that would render the actions void," he said.

"In the bigger picture, it's not the village government's decision on whether the property owners can annex in to East St. Louis or Timbuktu, it's the property owners."

At this time, he said the village was "probably" still in

existence and would remain so until the court system takes action.

Haida said the Fifth District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon would send a mandate to the circuit court, which would then decide how to dissolve the village.

"There is taxpayer money involved, there are details that have to be worked out," Haida said. He said it would probably take about 30 days for the appellate court mandate, and another 30 for the circuit court action.

(Staff writer Jason White provide some information for this story.)

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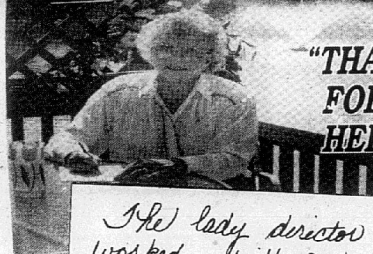
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The most significant changes for 1997 involve capital gains, sale of your home, an adoption credit, deductibility of long-term care insurance and expenses and increased IRA benefits for a non-working spouse. There are three different sets of rules about selling your home depending on when in 1997 you sold. Because of the complexity, I recommend that you call our forms depot

at 1-800-829-3676 and request a copy of Publication 523, "Selling Your Home."

In addition to the changes incorporated in the new law, a number of items have changed due to inflation indexing. For most taxpayers, the personal exemption is \$2,650 for 1997.

The standard deduction for single filers has been increased to \$4,150 for 1997 and to \$6,900 for married couples filing jointly. The complete standard deduction table and additional amounts you may deduct if you and/or your spouse are blind and/or 65 years old is in your tax instruction booklet.

For 1997 returns, the Earned Income Tax Credit has also been increased. With one qualifying child, the maximum credit is \$2,210; two or more qual-

ifying children, \$3,656; and up to \$3,332 with no qualifying children.

For the 1997 tax year, the maximum wages subject to social security tax (6.2 percent) has increased to \$65,400. All wages are subject to Medicare tax (1.45 percent).

New tax rates that vary from 10 percent to 28 percent apply to net capital gains after May 6, 1997. Because of the change in the capital gains rates, capital gains distributions must now be reported on Schedule D in all cases.

Beginning in 1997, you may be able to take a new tax credit of up to \$5,000 for qualifying expenses paid to adopt an eligible child. The credit can be as much as \$6,000 if the expenses are for the adoption of a child with special needs. (See Publication 968, "Tax Benefits for Adoption," for complete details.)

This year, in the case of a married couple filing a joint return, up to \$2,660 can be contributed to each spouse's IRA, even if one spouse has little or no compensation. This means that the total combined contributions that can be made to both IRAs can be as much as \$4,000 for one year. Previously, if one spouse had no compensation or elected to be treated as having no compensation, the total combined contributions to both IRAs could not be more than \$2,250. The deduction for contributions to both spouses' IRAs may be limited if either spouse is covered by an employer retirement plan. You may be able to make deductible contributions to a medical savings account (MSA). If you are an employee of a small business or self-employed, you may be eligible.

Delays impossible to avoid

As much as we all want our tax filing to go smoothly, sometimes there are delays and problems in getting all our information together. For example, Jan. 31 has come and gone, and you still don't have a 1997 Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," from an employer you worked for during the year. This could happen to people who moved or held a number of jobs during the year.

What should you do if you haven't received a W-2? The Internal Revenue Service can help, but you must first make every effort to help yourself and wait until Feb. 17 to contact us.

Begin by writing or calling your employer and asking if the W-2 was mailed and what address was used. Give the employer your name, former and current addresses, and social security number. If you write, it might speed up the process if you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you haven't received a W-2 from your current employer, check with your payroll or personnel department.

If you still haven't received a W-2 by Feb. 17, you can call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040, or go into a local IRS office. We'll ask you for your name, address, social security number and daytime telephone number; the name, address and phone number of the employer; dates of employment; and your best estimate of the income you received and the amount of tax that was withheld. (This is why it's a good idea to keep your pay stubs throughout the year.) If you know your employer's tax identification number, it could also speed up the process.

You'll still have to file a tax return even if you don't receive a W-2. If you contact us, we'll send you a package that includes a substitute W-2 and a Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return." If you haven't received your W-2 in time to file by April 15, you should file your return using the substitute W-2. If you receive the original W-2 after you file with the substitute, and the original W-2 shows amounts that are different than what you use, you should file an amended tax return.

We'll also contact the employer and send them a packet that includes the information you gave us, plus blank Forms W-2 and W-3, "Transmittal of Income and Tax Statements," for their use.

If you worked as an independent contractor, or had interest or dividend income, gambling winnings, pensions, etc., you should also have received your Forms 1099 soon after Jan. 31. Remember, you're responsible for reporting this income on your tax form, even if you don't receive a Form 1099. You should follow these same procedures if you don't receive 1099 statements from your financial institutions.

One way to ensure that your W-2 arrives in time is to change your address with the post office and your employer each time you move. And don't forget, keep your pay stubs throughout the year.

Your tax package includes instructions on how to get IRS tax forms, publications and other information by mail, on-line or telephone.

Many questions answered in package

Do you need a tax form or have a tax question? The Internal Revenue Service has many options you can use to get the help and information you need.

You may not have to look any further than the tax package you received in the mail. Very often, you'll be able to answer most tax questions by just reading the instructions to the tax forms. Your tax package also tells you how to order IRS forms and publications, and has the toll-free numbers to call for additional help.

If you're looking for general information on a tax topic, call our TeleTax phone line any time — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — to hear prerecorded tax messages on 149 tax topics. Call toll-free 1-800-829-4477 to get information on everything from IRS procedures, filing requirements and tax credits, to electronic filing. A list of TeleTax topics can be found in your tax package.

Later in the filing season, you can call the same TeleTax number to get automated refund information. You should

wait eight weeks from the time you file your tax return before calling to check on your refund. Refund information is updated weekly, so there is no need to call more than once a week. When you call, have a copy of your tax return handy. If you still need help, don't wait in line, go on line. Most IRS forms are now available electronically. If you have a computer and modem, you can find forms, publications and other IRS information on the IRS Home page on the Internet (<http://www.irs.us>).

Forms and publications are also available on IRIS at FedWorld (703) 521-0202, through TeleTax at www.irs.us, and through File Transfer Protocol at ftp.irs.us. You can order copies of 57 of the most requested tax forms and instructions by fax, 24 hours a day. Just dial (703) 521-0202. You can also order up to 3 forms can be requested over call. You can pick up many of the standard forms at post offices and libraries.

IRS tax forms and publications can also be ordered by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Days and hours have been expanded to Monday through Saturday between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Millions of other people are trying to call this number, so call either early in the morning or later in the evening. And try later in the week. You should receive your order within 7 to 15 workdays after you call.

Free help with basic tax return preparation is available from IRS-trained volunteers in many Illinois communities. They offer tax assistance to lower income and elderly taxpayers through our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) programs. Some sites also offer free electronic filing. Check your local newspaper or community center to find the site nearest you.

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Match

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with her help, but she says it's her family that's made the difference in pulling her through — especially her sister, Anne.
"There were a couple of times that I was really depressed, but my mom, sister and whole family kept letting me know that I was going to be better," Margaret said.
Anne, 24, is just 18 months older than her sister. Always

together growing up, Anne moved to Vermont more than a year ago. But when Margaret became sicker and started dialysis, she packed up. Lawrence and Mary Keshner live in Godfrey.
Margaret said Anne gets her moving everyday. She also says her boyfriend, Nathan, 25, has been a big help.
Margaret said she can't thank her family enough. "I'm blessed," she said.

Mail

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Finally, Dwayne T. Phillips of Pontoon Beach was indicted on one count of Class 2 robbery Feb. 8.

Phillips allegedly took by force two cartons of cigarettes and \$18 from a female victim. Bail was set at \$50,000.

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Scam

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ground. If the victim were to give the suspect a lift to the store, there was a man there who had once been an attorney who could advise them on what to do with it.
The suspect offered to split the money with the victim, who then drove the suspect to Kmart.

The "adviser," the suspect said, would tell them they would have to hold on to the money for a while in case it was reported lost or stolen.

The suspect then told the victim she was an accountant, and then said the victim would have to put up money of her own while the cash in the bag was being held.

The victim withdrew \$2,000 in cash and gave it to the suspect, who instructed her to go inside the store to meet a "Mr. Lopez," the so-called adviser.

The victim waited inside, found no "Mr. Lopez" and returned outside to find the suspect gone.

The victim immediately called police.

A detective with the Granite City Police is currently investigating, Pomeroy said.

Deaths

(Continued from Page 1A)
Charles Morgan
CHARLES S. MORGAN, 74, of Cahokia died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born Feb. 11, 1923, in Belleville.

Mr. Morgan worked at American Zinc Co. in Sauget and O'Neil Lumber Co. in East St. Louis. He was a member of the Camp Jackson Volunteer Fire Department where he was fire chief for 15 years.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond Morgan of Granite City and Charles Morgan of Cahokia; two daughters, Charlyn DeRossett of Mascoutah and Ruth Hammer of Cahokia; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth (Rodevald) Morgan; his parents, Raymond and Mary (Accordi) Morgan; two brothers, Raymond and Joseph Morgan; and two sisters, Hazel Pulse and Virginia Knight.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 7, at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Zelda Giedeman
ZELDA M. (TOLBERT) GIEDEMAN, 83, of Fairview Heights died Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She was born

April 13, 1914, in Shoelino, Ill. Mrs. Giedeman was a retired cashier for the Union Clothing Co. and a member of the Fairview Heights and Caseyville Senior Citizens.

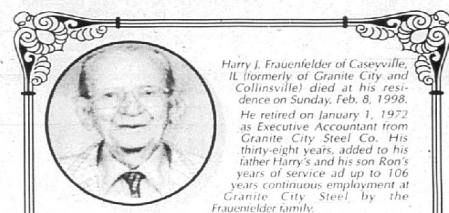
Survivors include one daughter, Lois Nelson of Fairview Heights; one son, William Giedeman of Granite City; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles William "Bill" Giedeman; her parents, Alfred

Tolbert and Alice (Happel) Tolbert; her stepfather, Robert Pale; a brother, Allen Tolbert; and a sister, Cleo Arnold.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Kasky Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights with the Rev. James Jensen officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc.



Harry J. Frauenfelder of Caseyville, Ill. (formerly of Granite City and Collinsville) died at his residence on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998.

He retired on January 1, 1972 as Executive Accountant from Granite City Steel Co. His thirty-eight years, added to his father Harry's and his son Ron's years of service add up to 106 years continuous employment at Granite City Steel by the Frauenfelder family.

After he retired he was a volunteer reader to the blind and handicapped at the RIS Audio at Our Lady of the Snows; a member of Citizens for Eye Research; a Lifetime installer for Anderson Hospital; a 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus Local 1712 and a member of St. Stephens Church, Caseyville, Granite City Steel Management Club. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Mary (Gruhl) Frauenfelder, a sister Esther (Mrs. Herbert) Ulsomer, a brother Richard Frauenfelder. Surviving are his wife Eileen (Berkley) Frauenfelder whom he married in 1933; one daughter Mary (Terry) Bones; Alan of Collinsville; three sons Harry (Maryann) Frauenfelder of White Plains, Md.; John Frauenfelder of Collinsville; and Ron (Maryann) Frauenfelder of Belleville Ill.; a daughter-in-law Joyce Terrell Frauenfelder of Indian Head, Md.; one sister, Amelia Stoehner of St. Louis, Mo.; sixteen grandchildren, 15 Great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Friends may call from 4-8 pm on Thursday, at Allan & Cullen Funeral Home, Collinsville. Funeral mass will be at 10 AM at St. Stephens Catholic Church, Caseyville. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Shawandale.

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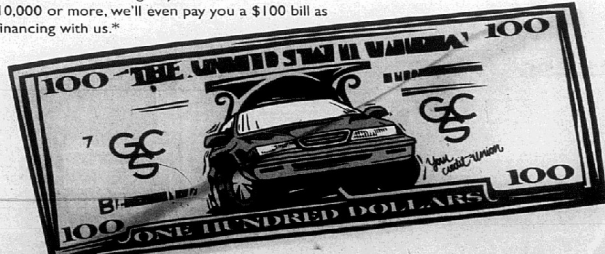
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More than 1,200 undergraduates at Western Illinois University were named to the Dean's List for academic achievements during the fall 1997 semester.

Students are honored for earning a semester grade point average of at least 3.6 on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A.

DANIEL DAVID CLARK, a senior from Granite City.
BETH A. NOE, a senior from Granite City.
NICOLE M. RAYNOR, a senior from Granite City.

STACIE SANSOUCIE, daughter of Fred and Patricia Sansoucie of Granite City, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester at Blackburn College, with a GPA of 3.5. She is majoring in elementary education.

The University of Missouri-Rolla announces the following students made the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.2 or above:
DENISE ELAINE MC MILLAN, a sophomore from Granite City majoring in metallurgical engineering.

RYAN MICHAEL FRANKS, a senior from Granite City majoring in electrical engineering.

JENNIFER LYNNE SCHWAGER, a senior from Granite City majoring in petroleum engineering.

MARIE SPLAINGARD, a junior from Granite City majoring in mechanical engineering.

University of Evansville (Ind.) has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester with at least a 3.5 GPA:
ANGELA FAVIER, daughter

of Charles and Marian Favier of Granite City.
NICOLE GRAVES, daughter of Michael and Margaret Graves of Granite City.

Murray State University (Ky.) has announced the following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester with at least a 3.5 GPA:
MATTHEW P. MCBRIDE of Granite City.
RONALD W. RINEHART of Granite City.

McKendree College has named the following students to the President's and Dean's Lists for the fall 1997 semester. To attain the President's List, students must attain a perfect 4.0 average. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.6 average. President's List:
BRIAN P. CAUGHLAN of

Granite City.
PEGGY JO DUNCAN-WOOD of Granite City.
Dean's List:
LANCE E. FRALEY of Granite City.
BASIL M. YURCISIN of Granite City.

ERIC LAWRENCE HAHN, son of Steve and Marilyn Hahn of Granite City, has been named to the Honor Roll for the fall 1997 semester at Colver-Stockton College (Mo.) with a GPA between 3.2 and 3.49. He is a junior majoring in business administration.

DAVID JOSEPH KASPROVICH of Granite City, a chemical and environmental engineering student at Washington University in St. Louis, has been named to the Dean's List with at least a 3.5 GPA.

National list includes several local students

Several students from the area have been named to the 20th Annual Edition of "The National Dean's List, 1996-97," recently published.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisers and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on the school's Dean's List or have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.

Local students include:
SHAILOH DE LOACH of Madison, Belleville Area College.

WANDA J. BONE of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

DENISE M. COOK of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

LORI A. COX of Granite City, Maryville University of St. Louis.

LEZLIE A. ELLEFSEN of Granite City, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

DAVID A. ETHINGTON of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

JONI L. FRALEY of Granite City, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

JEFFREY T. LEONARD of Granite City, Evangelical College.

LOWELL W. MEYERS SR. of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

JESSICA L. NICHOLS of Illinois at Chicago.

TERRY PRATHER of Granite City, University of Illinois at Chicago.

NIKKI L. RODGERS of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

HILLARY E. RYAN of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

LAURA S. SMITH of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

DAYNE L. SPRINGMAN of Granite City, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

SARAH ELIZABETH STONE of Granite City, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

ERIN N. TONGAY of Granite City, Saint Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

CARRIE L. TOTH of Granite City, Belleville Area College.

VALERIE S. WOLF of Granite City, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

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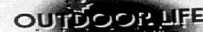
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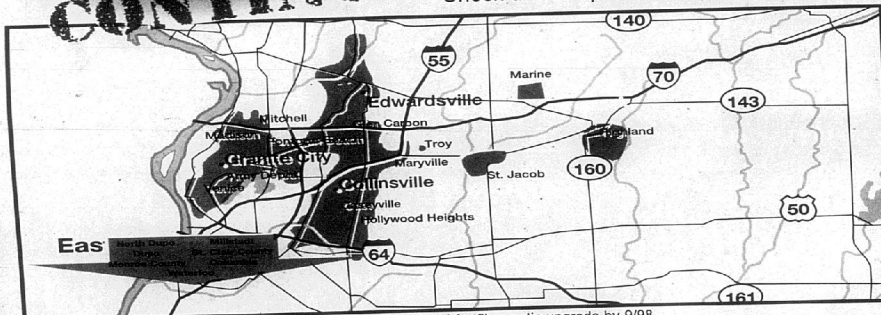
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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11 — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, apricots, milk; **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with lite dressing, garlic cheese bread, apple cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12 — NO SCHOOL, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, banana, milk; **Lunch:** Fish fillet on bun, macaroni and cheese, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

MONDAY, Feb. 16 — Breakfast: Cooked oats, toast and jelly, raisins, milk; **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed salad with lite dressing, sliced peaches, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17 — Breakfast: Sausage pancake roll-up, pear halves, milk; **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on deli bun, green beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Madison Public Schools
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11 — Breakfast: Muffins, milk; **Lunch:** Nachos, lasagna with ground beef, French bread, tossed salad and dressing, fruit gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12 — NO SCHOOL, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Popovers, milk; **Lunch:** Burrito, barbecue pork on bun, dill pickles, baked beans, applesauce, milk.

MONDAY, Feb. 16 — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; **Lunch:** Pizza, hamburger on bun, dill pickles, French fries, pineapple chunks, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17 — Breakfast: Sausage and pancake, milk; **Lunch:** Hot dog, Hot ham and cheese, hoagie bun, corn, pears, milk.

Holy Family

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11 — Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, salad, bread, applesauce.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12 — NO SCHOOL, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 13 — Lunch: Fish, slaw, pickles, potato wedges, Jell-o with fruit.

MONDAY, Feb. 16 — Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese, pickles, buttered noodles, carrots, pears.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17 — Lunch: Warbler burger on bun, potato chips, carrots, chocolate cake.

St. Elizabeth

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11 — Lunch: Chicken and vegetable pot pie, peas/As, brownie, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12 — NO SCHOOL, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 13 — Lunch: Mini cheese pizza (extra pizza \$1); green beans, orange slices, milk.

MONDAY, Feb. 16 — Lunch: Hamburger stew with vegetables, biscuit, cherry crisp, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17 — Lunch: Hot dog on bun, tater tots, green beans, Jell-o, milk.

Workshop offered at GCHS

Granite City Senior High School hosts a financial aid workshop at 6:30 p.m. today. Information on Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Financial Aid Programs such as grant programs, scholarship programs, loan programs and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available.

Marian Smithson, director of financial aid from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will give and overview of the programs.

Charles Tzinberg from Tzinberg and Goldenberg PC will speak briefly on the new tax credits called the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

Skip Bradshaw from Central Bank will be available to answer college loan questions.

Individual appointments are also available with Mary Brown, financial aid counselor from Belleville Area College. She will take appointments from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Guidance Office to help parents with the FAFSA.

SIUUE offers series of health courses

Several noncredit short courses designed to improve mind and body will be offered this spring through the Office of Continuing Education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

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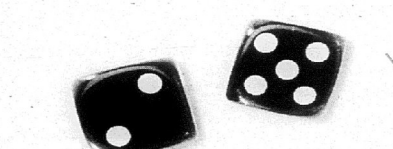
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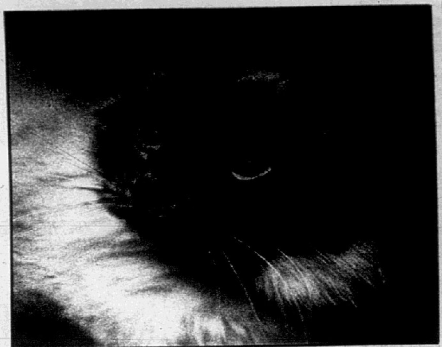
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For tickets, call 452-1467 or 451-7439.

Edwardsville

A MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION benefiting Phoenix Crisis Center Inc. starts at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at the American Legion Post 199, 58 S. Highway 157 in Edwardsville.

Granite City

REP. TOM HOLBROOK will be holding open office hours from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at his Granite City office, 1310 Neidringhaus Ave. Anyone can stop in during these office hours. Regular appointments can be made by calling 451-0200 or 394-2211.

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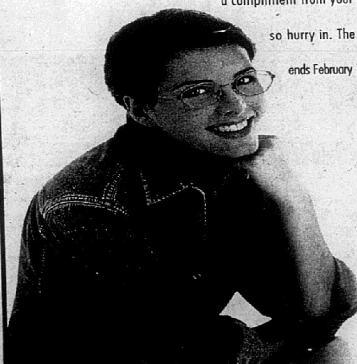
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ISU's Stallings recalls his days 'back home'

The drive from Belleville to Bloomington — and flatland scenery — have a way of whetting the appetite for basketball.

However, upon your arrival at the Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University, your mood does not improve much with the knowledge of a bruised left knee that will affect daughter Beth's basketball play in a women's game matching her Evansville University team against ISU. You haven't felt grumpy since the time the movie "Jaws" was popular and you and Beth stepped into the Gulf waters off the coast of Florida only to feel the brush of small fish against your ankles.

At Illinois State, though, you learn quickly the cure for winter blues is the men's basketball team, which a night earlier defeated SIU-Carbondale, 79-67 to keep the Redbirds on track for a second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference championship.

At the helm of all this is 37-year-old Collinsville native Kevin Stallings, who you first followed when he played for the Kahoka team in 1970. Finding Coach Stallings' office at the Redbird Arena is a convenient matter, thanks to personnel who bubble with enthusiasm when asked for directions. They are eager to discuss the merits of the coach's reliance on junior guard Kyle Cartmill, a reserve from Quincy who dooned SIUC with 14 points.

Stallings' office is off the main concourse of the arena. Even while making final preparations for a radio appearance, he takes time to chat with someone from "back home."

Mentions of Stallings' high school coach, Collinsville legend Vergil Fletcher, causes the fifth-year ISU coach to scurry through a pile of papers and pull out a letter he received.

"Coach was here the other day for a game, and he also sent me this letter," said Stallings. "He must have written some of this about the ball press 30 years ago."

As you speak with Stallings and observe the nearby photo of his wife (Lisa) and children (Jacob and Alexa), you recall previous quotes you filed regarding Fletcher's respect for coach's respect for Fletcher.

Said Stallings: "People had no idea what it was like to play for Vergil Fletcher. He was a guy who taught you what was right and what was wrong, and he had more to do with the moral and ethical value system than anyone. Not only did he teach you to play, teach you to compete, teach you about athletics, but he taught you how to be."

"He was one of those guys that even when you played for him, he was bigger than life. He was bigger than the game. You walk in each day to Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium and mean they had already named the building after him. It's hard to describe playing for a legend."

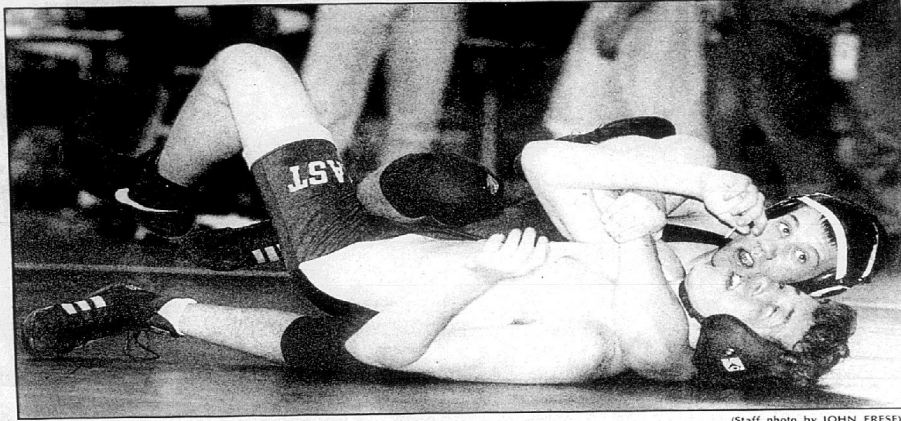
These days, Fletcher has reached his early 80s, but he continues to impress the youthful coach who notes that "Coach appears to be in good health."

At ISU, it is the good health of the team that also draws the concern of Stallings, who takes the conference lead in stride since "we were picked to win in the preseason polls."

"We are healthy, and I'm knocking on wood that we stay that way," says Stallings as he taps his right fist to his forehead while smiling.

Before departing, you draw another smile when you remind Stallings of his final home game at Belleville Area

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Granite City 135-pounder Matt Werner (above, on top and looking for confirmation on a pin in a recent match) was a regional champion Saturday.

Dynamic dozen Warriors win regional, send 12 to sectional

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Even playing without a full deck, the Granite City Warriors had enough power cards to trump the field in the Cahokia Class AA wrestling regional on Saturday.

Mike Garland's grapplers claimed the team title, easily outscoring Beloit College Memorial, 235 1/2 to 156 1/2. The Warriors advanced 12 of 14 wrestlers to the Springfield Southeast Sectional. The Eagles advanced eight.

But the real story is the regional finals rematch that was to occur Tuesday night at Memorial Gymnasium between Granite City and Civic Memorial.

Last year, favored CM was stunned 30-25 by the Warriors in a meet marred by Brad Becker's illegal slam of Jonas Janek in the 145-pound match. The win by default provided the margin of victory and Granite City went on to reach the state quarterfinals.

This year the Warriors were heavily favored, and there was the added drama of Granite City vying for its 1,000th career dual meet win — a feat no high school in

America had ever accomplished. A win by the Eagles would be, not only a huge upset, but one of the great revenge stories in recent years.

But the Warriors were looking strong as of Saturday. Seven GCHS matmen claimed first place honors at Cahokia.

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Three other Warriors wrestlers finished second. Chad Wilson (112) lost a narrow 6-4 decision to Steve Walsh of Jerseyville; Paul Johnson (119) fell 10-8 to Sam Shetley of CM; and Ben Lofink (125) was

pinned in 3:04 by CM's all-star Steve Bryant.

Rich Carney and Craig Mooshegian both advanced with third-place finishes. Carney pinned East Side's LaGrange in only 28 seconds in the 165-pound consolation contest, while Mooshegian (278) was all over CM's Brad Yotter in a 10-2 victory.

Just missing sectional qualification was Justin York, who fell to Jerseyville's Brandon Hunt in the third place match.

Four Eagles finished first and were hoping to turn the trick again Tuesday night in head-to-head competition with the Warriors.

Shawn Dannenbrink (103), Shetley (119), Bryant (125) and Ricky Huebner each claimed regional championships. Norris (130) and Walker (152) were runners-up, while Josh Brokaw (140) and Nick Bland (171) finished in third.

Granite City entered Tuesday's regional finals with an all-time dual meet mark of 999 wins, 147 losses and 10 ties.

Frank Robinson, Barry Shelton, Warren Stecher, Charles "Chuck" Stimac, Ed Turek, James J. Wilson and Terry R. Yochum.

The three coaches to be honored are Gene McArtor, Timon Olive and Billy Joe Richardson Sr.

Umpire Edward H. Osiek also will be inducted into the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

For information about the awards banquet or to purchase tickets, call Al Grosch at 314-631-9795.

Lasorda to speak at local ceremony Amateur Baseball Hall banquet set for April 18

Tommy Lasorda will be the headliner when the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame celebrates its 25th anniversary at its annual awards banquet April 18.

Lasorda, former Los Angeles Dodgers manager and a 1997 inductee into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, is scheduled to be the speaker at the 25th annual dinner at the St. Louis Airport Marriott hotel.

Tickets are \$35 each.

For the third time, the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame will present

a special award to the high school baseball player of the year. The winner will be selected from a group of five candidates and named at the banquet.

In addition, 16 baseball players, three coaches or managers and an umpire will be inducted into the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

The former players are August A. Bieg, James E. Dix, Thomas J. Dix, Thomas J. Eckelman, Robert F. Foster, William B. Green Jr., Al Hedrick, Thomas P. McCormack, Leslie J. Mitkos Sr.,

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Trojans upend Alton

Baker scores 48 to lead Madison

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It was hard to figure after Madison's 69-51 win over Alton on Saturday night which set of Maurice Baker numbers was most impressive.

The most obvious was Baker's 48 points, rung up on 15 of 23 field goal shooting (including 6 of 11 from 3-point range) and 12 of 13 shooting from the foul line. Baker also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

The performance came one night after the 6-foot-all-star had destroyed arch-rival Venice with a 28-point, 17-rebound performance.

But the less obvious number may be the more impressive. Baker's 48 points gives him a Metro East best 623 points on the year (29.3 ppg.) and moves him past the 1,500-point mark for career scoring.

Baker now has 1,535 points in his high school career. He was the best guard in downstate Illinois and I knew he was capable of it. What he did tonight," Alton coach Ron Smith said after Saturday's loss. "You give Baker that many open looks and he's going to burn you. And he continued to do that. He hit from everywhere."

You don't have to sell the idea to Madison mentor Al Collins. He's been saying it all year.

"Recie is the best player in the St. Louis area, the best player in southern Illinois," Collins has said repeatedly. "I haven't seen anybody any better and that's what everybody else keeps telling me, too."

You won't get an argument from the members of the Alton Redbirds.

On Saturday, Baker couldn't be stopped.

With Alton in the lead 11-9 after one quarter, Madison roared to a 22-11 second quarter scoring edge as Baker banged in 20 points during the eight-minute stretch. The last two points were vintage Baker as the senior sensation, shadowed by two Redbird players, leaped high over everyone for Walter Bursey's missed shot and tipped it through the hoop to beat the buzzer. It gave Baker 25 points for the half and gave the Trojans a 31-22 lead.

The advantage grew to 46-35 after three quarters and the Trojans coasted from there.

The win was particularly sweet for Madison, which had opened the season in Alton with an 81-58 loss to the Red-

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Granite City's Baker inducted into Billiken Hall of Fame

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

On Friday, January 30, at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis, Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker was inducted into the Saint Louis University Billiken Club Hall of Fame.

Joining Baker as 1998 inductees were Joe T. Todd, Jason A. Boehlow, Michael S. Sorber, Julie Gering Zaber, Dr. Donald G. Brennan, William P. Hopfinger, William F. Slattery, Jr. and the 1972 Billiken soccer team.

Baker was inducted as a "Distinguished Alum — Pioneer," and was recognized not only for his accomplishments during his college career as a soccer player but also for his long-term success as both a teacher and coach of young athletes.

As a Billikens soccer player, Baker played on the undefeated Saint Louis University team that captured the NCAA championship in 1965.

As a high school coach, Baker is the winningest coach in Illinois and the third-

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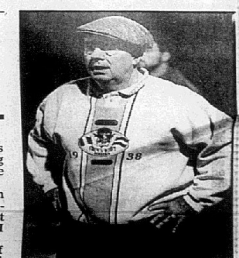
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Gene Baker was honored by Saint Louis University on Jan. 30.

SPORTS

PREP/COLLEGE STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY

Southern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Granite City	8-21	10-21	54/16
Bellville West	6-20	8-21	44/25
Alton	5-20	7-21	53/25
St. Louis	4-21	6-22	37/28
Columbia	4-21	6-21	48/40
Collinsville	4-20	5-20	39/59
Bellville East	3-21	5-21	46/35

Northern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Edwardsville	10-0	10-1	48/24
Edwardsville	7-21	7-22	53/25
St. Louis	7-20	7-20	54/52
Macquett	6-21	7-22	54/29
Civic Memorial	4-20	5-20	42/63
Wood River	1-20	1-20	15/81
Prague SW	0-20	0-20	5/97

GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Edwardsville	10-1	17-5	
Bellville East	9-2	13-8	
Collinsville	7-4	12-13	
Alton	5-5	11-12	
Bellville West	6-6	11-14	
Granite City	2-9	3-18	
St. Louis	0-12	1-19	

Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Jessville	6-1	14-7	
Highland	6-1	14-10	
Civic Memorial	3-5	13-8	
Macquett	9-13	14-14	
Triad	2-6	2-17	
Waterloo	0-6	6-15	

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
St. Vernon	7-0	22-1	
O'Fallon	6-1	20-4	
Carbondale	2-3	8-10	
Centralia	5-4	19-9	
Cahokia	0-3	0-10	

South Central

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Gillespie	14-2	14-2	
Roxana	5-4	11-10	
Marquette	5-3	18-6	
Wood River	5-7	13-12	

Great Overland Trails

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Orchard Farm	2-0	7-3	
Lutheran S.C.	1-0	8-1	
Westminster	1-0	8-3	
Metro East	2-3	13-9	
Silex	0-0	3-4	

Independents

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Lincoln	20-1	20-1	
Okawville	17-2	17-2	
Mater Dei	11-12	11-12	
Gibault	10-17	10-17	
Sparta	13-6	13-6	
Albion	10-13	10-13	
Madison	4-15	4-15	

Women's College

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Forbes	18-5	18-5	
BAG	15-10	15-10	
Illinois	10-5	10-5	
St. Louis U.	16-6	16-6	
SILE	12-11	12-11	
McKendree	1-1	1-1	

BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Edwardsville	8-0	17-1	



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Ryan Blaha has helped Belleville Althoff to a 15-8 record this winter.

Cahokia

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Breese C.	5-1	14-7	
Red Bud	4-2	11-12	
Dupo	3-2	15-8	
Lebanon	3-2	11-12	
Carlyle	10-13	10-13	
Wesclin	3-4	12-11	
Columbia	2-3	5-17	
Freeburg	0-5	0-17	
New Athens	0-5	0-17	
Marissa	0-6	4-18	

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
St. Vernon	3-0	15-1	
Centralia	5-0	18-3	
O'Fallon	3-4	15-10	
Cahokia	2-4	11-10	
Carbondale	1-3	7-8	

South Central

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Roxana	6-1	17-3	
Marquette	6-3	15-12	
Wood River	3-5	7-14	

Independents

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Nashville	21-1	21-1	
Gibault	18-5	18-5	
Mater Dei	17-6	17-6	
Lincoln	15-5	15-5	
Collinsville Christian	16-8	16-8	
Sparta	13-9	13-9	
Vernice	11-11	11-11	
Madison	11-11	11-11	
Okawville	11-12	11-12	
Valmeyer	10-12	10-12	
Lovejoy	6-11	6-11	

Men's College

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Illinois St.	16-4	16-4	
McKendree	21-0	21-0	
St. Louis U.	17-6	17-6	
Illinois	17-7	17-7	
SILE	14-7	14-7	

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SPORTS

Trojans

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birds. In that game, Baker scored 21 points before fouling out early.

"I was ready to play because they came in here bragging and all cocky," said Baker. "After they beat us so bad, we owed them. In the warm-ups, they were just going through the motions, but we came out ready to play."

Baker, who exceeded his previous career high of 41 points, has seldom been more ready to play.

Stanley Jones scored nine points and David Jones eight in a supporting role for Madison.

The Redbirds were led by Lee Heard's 13 points. DeMarco Snipes added 11.

Alton fell to 13-9 and plays at Collinsville this Friday in a key Southwestern Conference match-up. The Redbirds are chasing the Kahoks for third place in the SWC.

Madison, which is playing its best ball of the year, improved to 11-11 and faces a tough test tonight as state-ranked Pittsfield comes calling.



The Belleville West varsity hockey team is this week's honoree.

Cardinals



District champs

The Jefferson Jaguars recently won the sixth-grade District 118 basketball tournament, defeating Roosevelt 30-24 in the championship game. Their record for the 1997-98 season was 10-1, with a loss only to Roosevelt (9-1). Players on the team are (from left to right): In front — Mike Sullivan, Greg Hamman, Mike Schneider, Eddie Helf, Mike Holman; In back — Rick Seibert, Spencer Pensoneau, Joe Swope and coach Ed Luggie.

Maroons recognized

The Belleville West varsity hockey team is the latest local hockey team to be recognized in a partnership between the Suburban Journals and the St. Louis Blues.

The program honors local youth hockey teams in each of the Journals and also recognizes outstanding teams from throughout the St. Louis area at Kiel Center when the St. Louis Blues are playing at home. Each team will have its picture printed in the Journal and will receive tickets to an upcoming Blues game.



Belleville West Maroons is a member of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. The Journal seeks more teams to recognize in the program. Send a team picture, a brief summary of the team's

accomplishments to date and identification of players in the picture to: Sports Department, Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, 219 N. Illinois St., Belleville, IL 62222.

Voellinger

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College en route to a national NJCAA tourney when he dribbled away from a defender and tossed the ball into the air as time expired.

The "back home" talk causes Stallings to send a "hello" to former Collinsville all-star Dennis Pace, who tried to recruit Kevin to the University of Illinois only to see him go to Purdue, where he not only played but became an assistant coach from 1982-88.

Five more seasons as an assistant at Kansas followed prior to the ISU position, meaning Stallings as a college player and coach has been to postseason play 17 of a possible 19 seasons. Never associated with a loser on any level of his basketball career, Stallings in less than five full seasons already had the highest winning percentage (.671 after the SIUC victory) than any of the nine men who have coached ISU basketball.

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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

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JESUS EVERY THURSDAY (JETS), led by the music director, is for kids 3 to 11 years old. Meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursdays. Music/Bible study and fun at Niederhofs United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. Mom's Bible study and share group meets at the same time as church. For more information, call 877-4555.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2339 or Diane at 876-1300.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Maryville and Old Alton roads.

MADISON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds monthly meetings at 5 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Madison City Hall, 615 Madison Ave.

Dance

Valentine's Day Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight Feb. 14, at the **POLISH HALL**, 825 Greenwood St. in Madison. Features J. J. Polka Lovelace. Admission is \$4; food, cash bar available. Call 876-9056.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, Chapter 1340, is holding a Valentine's Dance Feb. 11. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 and dancing to Jerry's Kids at 7. A \$2 donation is payable at the door. 1998 dues are payable at this time, at the meeting or at the AARP desk. Those over 50 welcome. Call 877-3020 for more information.

MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC) regular monthly meeting is held every Sunday evening at the American Legion in Collinsville. Nonmembers are welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 6 to 8 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. For more information, call 874-2405.

BOOTS & SUPPLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m., every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 797-6528 or 344-4636.

Food/Nutrition

SAINTS-ALIVE annual Valentine's Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Feb. 11 at Third Baptist Church, 25th and Grand, instead of the Shoney's as previously planned.

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association. Free meals to anyone in need. Every Tuesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 21st and Illinois streets, Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

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TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City. Call 876-2124.

TOPS IL 645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City. 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1699, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday, at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meet at 7:30 p.m., second (See CALENDAR, Page 5B)

TOPS IL 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Calvary Lighthouse Church of God, 1205 W. Pontoon, Weighin at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 931-3602 or Linda at 635-9267.

ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM is presenting a talk entitled, "Stages of the Addiction Process" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17. The talk will be given by Ed Williamson of the Behavioral Health System, and will be held in the Wiseman Room at SEMC. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 798-3888.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m. refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 931-2098.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, dinner at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-2331 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 16 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3095 for more information.

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THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet at 8:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2086.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2086.

LYDIA CIRCLE OF NAMECKI United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1336.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at the Namecki Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravennell's Restaurant.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Namecki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Reagan, president, Carl James P. at 288-7386, and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 976-7716.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

THE PONTON BEACH JAYCEES regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Sunday of each month, at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Granite City.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., first Monday of each month, call Beverly Zager, 254-9384.

ELKETTIES, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, 831-3652, 7 p.m., first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECURITIES ASSOCIATION, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEOWNERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2005 Edwards. Call 876-7026 or 931-3735.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEOWNERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (44 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2986.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE) Chapter 1067's meetings for the months of February and March have been changed. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month, at 11:30 a.m., at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450, or 452-3266.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5808, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

JOBS DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

THE Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L (BNI) meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 967-8340.

BURT - BUELMERSTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 44 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tools are available by appointment, 931-8317 or write to the above address.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Milonski Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. For information, call 462-4883, extension 104.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 8469 Roatan Place, St. John, Mo. 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 429-0076.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS, meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., Pontiac Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

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FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2005 Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB, meets every Sunday at the Non every Wednesday, 11 a.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB, business meeting, 6 p.m., fourth Monday of every other, Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., bingo and games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, in Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, 11 a.m., second Wednesday in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

ALANON, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

ALANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Searcy at 462-2714 or Lyle Cumberly at 876-2382.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m., second Thursday of each month, in Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Call 787-2780 or 451-0728 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, 1000 Banerjee of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-0218 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

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Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m., every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALANON, 7 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center Day Care room C. Call 463-2429.

ALATEEN AND PREALTEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prealateen to 11 year age group, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center conference room A. Call 463-2429.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan in Edwardsville. The guest will be Suzanne Mostafavir, certified counselor, on the information "Relationships." Newcomers welcome. Call 465-1453.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 877-5151.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m., every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

STEMS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 798-3018 for more information.

DEPRESSIVE MADISON COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY will meet from 1 to 3 p.m., every Friday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. In the Milonski Room located in the basement. For more information call the DMAA office at (314) 776-3969.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the first and third Saturday of each month, at 1307 Madison Avenue, Madison, 9:30 to 11 a.m., to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7631.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the last Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road, 10 a.m. Meeting is Tuesday, open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 842-7228.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Acceptance, 9 p.m. every Saturday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., every Sunday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

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'Titanic' not only movie making waves

"Titanic" isn't the only movie making waves. The new James Bond movie "Tomorrow Never Dies" is on pace to become the highest-grossing entry in the 007 franchise.

Released the same day as "Titanic," "Tomorrow Never Dies" has never been first at the box office and probably never will be. Nevertheless, it is running 30 percent ahead of 1996's "GoldenEye," the biggest Bond movie yet, and should pass the \$100 million mark at U.S. theaters this weekend.

MGM says the movie is attracting a younger audience than most Bond films, many of whom are drawn by Pierce Brosnan's co-star, martial arts performer Michael York.

The same audience that went to "Scream" is the audience that's coming to "Tomorrow Never Dies," says Gerry Rich, MGM's marketing president.

The movie has also benefited from a \$100 million promotional campaign conducted by BMW and other partners.

In its first 17 days of worldwide release, "Tomorrow Never Dies" has grossed \$207 million. "GoldenEye," which also starred Brosnan, collected \$350 million worldwide.

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HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11
The glamorous full moon in Leo keeps us focused on all that glitters. Disclosures have far-reaching consequences, but not-disclosures are next to impossible. Information has a way of leaking out in neon under the full moon, and the Leo influence only pulls more of an audience. Business centers around one important decision or product this afternoon. Love involves spending your hard-earned dough.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're the one they're depending on, wherever you are, so be ready to jump to the rescue. Competitors force you to improve. Take advantage of employee programs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Mood shifts unearthing hidden reserves of talent. Follow family traditions. Luck comes through a distant relative. Fight company policies. Enjoy window shopping, but don't buy yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Love with an old friend inspires your New ambitions are quite achievable. Give yourself a margin for errors. Deadlines will be extended. Take it easy in intimate relationships.



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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be adventurous with money and talents. Tryouts and interviews are lucky. Do things alone —

others could disappoint you. Avoid emotional conversations altogether. Leadership chores can be delegated without loss of power.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). This year, romance finds you wherever you are. A kind Cancer or sweet Libra knows how to make you happy. Many marry this month. Couples rediscover the attraction. Now through the end of March, an increase in your efficiency takes little concentration and energy. In June, a partner needs your help. July and September are lucrative. In September, a larger home is affordable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Worries disappear when you

get professional help. Give service, and you attract new clients. Business demands infringe on family activities — seek compromises. You are at the right place at the right time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Handle the details of home-improvement projects yourself. Get all estimates in writing. Children agree with you. Sophisticated friends mislead you. Your mate's moods and opinions test your patience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Return calls immediately — good news requires action. Use logic, not emotions, when dealing with authorities, especially teachers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have secret allies. Scorpios are ideal partners.

Set a good example for adolescents. Church and community activities bring you respect. Ask for legal advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anything written brings luck. Send letters, and work on resumes. Loyal friends help from behind the scenes. Surprise visits antagonize your significant other.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make decisions. Give new acquaintances the benefit of the doubt as stress plays a role in their behavior. You hate being just another part of the group today, but it is lucky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't get something for nothing. Tried-and-true methods are best. Money comes from the efforts of companions.

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Some disagreement on how to celebrate Valentine's

When it comes to the best way to celebrate Valentine's Day, do men and women agree? Not really, according to a recent survey conducted by the lip care specialists at Blistex Inc. Blistex recently telephone queried 500 men and 500 women across the United States in all age groups and demographic backgrounds to determine their biggest Valentine's Day turn-ons and turn-offs, as well as favorite gifts and favorite ways to celebrate this romantic holiday. Surprisingly, 47 percent of men surveyed said that kissing on the couch was the biggest turn-on compared to dancing to a favorite song (19 percent), relaxing with a foot massage (15 percent) and

sharing a decadent dessert (12 percent). Women, on the other hand, voted kissing on the couch their least favorite Valentine's Day activity (18 percent). For them, dancing to a favorite song (30 percent) headed the list, followed by relaxing with a foot massage (25 percent) and sharing a decadent dessert (21 percent). Both sexes (31 percent) did agree, however, that 10 extra pounds was the biggest Valentine's Day turn-off. Bad cologne or perfume and razor stubble were almost tied for second at 24 and 23 percent, respectively. Other survey results include: Both men and women agree that a romantic weekend getaway is the

best way to celebrate Valentine's Day (49 percent). Survey respondents in the 18-24 age group indicated that a night out on the town was the second best way to celebrate, while all other age groups (24+) indicated that a quiet evening at home would be more enjoyable. Not surprisingly, going solo with a good book and pint of ice cream was the least favorite choice (8 percent). Topping the best gift list for men (52 percent) and women (39 percent) was a candle-light dinner. Running a close second for women was a bouquet of flowers (38 percent), followed by a box of chocolates (9 percent) and a memorable kiss (7 percent). Men

would prefer a memorable kiss (18 percent) to a box of chocolates (12 percent) or a bouquet of flowers (4 percent). When asked what they would like to receive for Valentine's Day, men would rather start a new romance (5 percent) than get a bouquet of flowers (4 percent). Starting a new romance was the last thing on women's wish lists (5 percent). Eleven percent of men and 8 percent of women surveyed have had a first date on Valentine's Day. Of those respondents, 64 percent said the evening ended with a kiss and 50 percent said it ended with breakfast. Kissing is certainly top of mind for many people (especially men).

These findings have lead Blistex to wonder why more men, given their preoccupation with smooching, don't use lip care products.

In fact, research indicates that only about 40 percent of men use lip balms, compared to nearly 60 percent of women. Naked lips could be lonely lips—and Blistex urges everyone to try a lip protector, conditioner or reliever from its leading line of lip care products.

To make sure your lips are ready for romance come Valentine's Day, send for a free copy of *Your Guide to Healthy Lips* from Blistex Inc., P.R. Department, 1800 Swift Drive, Oak Brook, IL, 60521.

Why not treat yourselves to a Valentine getaway day?

What better time than Valentine's Day to escape for a romantic weekend getaway? This year will be especially "sweet" since it falls on President's Day weekend, creating a three-day weekend for many. To honor both holidays, grab your special someone, hit the road and let the enchanting romance and engaging history of Illinois sweep you off your feet.

For a romantic weekend getaway in Springfield, couple history and passion, reserve a room at the timeless elegant Inn At 835 bed and breakfast. Enjoy a luxurious turn-of-the-century room, relax with wine and cheese each evening, receive strawberries and warm chocolate cookies with each turn-down and indulge in hot, home-cooked breakfasts each morning.

Take an afternoon to stroll hand-in-hand with your loved one through the old-fashioned charm of the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site or Historic Site. For a captivating reminder of days gone by, visit the Old State Capitol on Feb. 12 for an Abraham Lincoln Symposium. In tribute to Illinois' most famous president, leading scholars will present their views on topics concerning Lincoln and his times. Dress to the nines and stop in to the Renaissance Hotel on the 13th for an elegant, honorary banquet where nationally renowned speakers will deliver tributes to Abe. Don't forget to sightsee in New Salem Village and at Lincoln's tomb.

The Northwestern town of Galena marries romance and history like no other in the state. With cobblestone streets, antique shops and horse-drawn sleigh rides, Galena offers classic winter activities galore

for lovebirds. You can get even closer to your loved one at any of the more than 75 quaint bed and breakfasts, many offering special romance packages.

While in Galena, be sure to visit the home of our 18th President, Ulysses S. Grant. Constructed in 1859 in the Italianate bracketed style, Grant's home has been completely restored and decorated with original furnishings, replicating its appearance during post-Civil War period and the Grant Presidency. Costumed interpreters will help you freshen up on your American history and explain the story of Galena's most famous citizen.

Nestled on the banks of the Illinois River, Peoria provides a host of romantic activities. Take a scenic walk along a bluff to see the Illinois River Valley, star gaze cheek-to-cheek on board the Far-A-Dice Riverboat casino and jazz up your romance with a little

music and culture—Peoria is home to the nation's 10th-oldest symphony and has its own ballet and civic opera companies.

The quiet, western town of Quincy, founded by and named President John Quincy Adams, is a perfect destination spot for a romantic getaway weekend. Quincy holds the heartwarming Lincoln Douglas Valentine Museum where old and unusual Valentines are on display as well as heart-shaped candy boxes which were once manufactured at the Quincy Paper Box Company. Be sure to set aside time to stroll through the Mississippi River town's three historic districts filled with architectural styles from the 1830s to the 1930s.

Link arms with your loved one and meander down Seminary Street in Galesburg, one of the Midwest's stunning success stories in downtown restoration lined with classic buildings, delightful restaurants and

distinctive antique shops. If literary history turns your page, be sure to visit the nearby home of Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet and Lincoln Biographer Carl Sandburg.

The Carl Sandburg Historic Site, where Sandburg was born in 1898, reflects the living conditions of a typical nineteenth-century working-class family, and is furnished with many Sandburg family belongings.

Check in at Jumer's Continental Inn in Galesburg for the "Romance and Rose" package for two which includes luxurious room, prime rib dinner, roses, Champagne and continental breakfast. And, be sure to indulge yourself at the Chocolate Festival on Valentine's Day, featuring homemade and commercially-made chocolates, tortes, cakes, pies and creams.

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ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m.
fourth Monday of each month
Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria
Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPS PREVENTION group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 112

The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims ages 8 to 12, meets on Wednesdays from 8 to 7:30 p.m. every

meets from 8 to 1:30 p.m. on Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 692-2197 for details.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 2 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, President's Room, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 798-3456.

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF MADISON COUNTY, (AMI) meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 50 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information, call 336-1111.

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TALLY ILL will meet at Market Avenue Church of God, 1505 in Ea

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each month from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (314) 868-8031.

BETTER BREATHERS, support group of those with chronic lung condition, second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth's.

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to 9 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor
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Lupus - foundation, 7300 park, 2nd
Tuesday of each month, Memorial
Hospital auditorium, Belleville
233-7750, extension 5860.

St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday

SINGLES CONNECTION upcoming events are: Dinner at the Lone S

Restaurant in O'Fallon 6 p.m. Feb. 11. RSVP to Theresa, 344-6460. Mr. at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at Michael's Restaurant in Highland for happy hour. RSVP to Theresa, 344-6460. Put your name down for dancing 8:30 p.m.

dancing shoes for dancing 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Feb. 14 at the Firman's Hall in Collinsville. Admission is \$5. Call John M., 654-50 for information. Help celebrate the club's 7th anniversary with a pa

starting at 5 p.m. Feb. 15 at Paul
house, 332-1731. Bring snacks and
soda to share and games to play.
Bring a friend for the planning

meeting and reception for prospective members, which starts at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Ima's in Edwards-

April. Call Theresa, 344-6064. Volleyball at Edwardsville YMCA, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17. Volleyball is volleyball on a racquetball court with a softer ball. Cost is \$3 for three hours of play.

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 2 to 4 p.m. fourth Tuesday of every month.

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man Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth
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GRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen for seven to 11 year age group, now meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 2100 Madison (in the Ketterling Center C Davroom). For more

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection.

meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

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Today's Food

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Valentine's Day on a Saturday offers the luxury of homemade breakfast. Eating pancakes covered with toppings is a sweet-kind of way to start the day.

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Heart-y Bites

Dress up the table with frilly accessories, then add homemade dressing to salad.

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Blue Ribbon Cook

Winning strawberry salad treats someone special.

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Test Run

Watch the Winter Olympics with a sweet dish on Valentine's Day. Try caramel corn for an inexpensive date. Testers rate four varieties -- some well known, others not -- with little or no fat.

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Micro Raves

Take a hunting tip from Cupid: Aim for the heart.

INSIDE

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

In hypothermia, the entire body cools down to dangerously low levels because its warming ability fails. The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for it to occur. Elderly people in poorly heated homes, as well as the homeless and those who may have a pre-existing medical situation, are at risk. This is a life-threatening condition if not treated immediately. Signs of it include shivering, numbness, confusion, glassy stare, apathy and loss of consciousness.

Fresh Picks

An old-fashioned dessert is a favorite. Prepare a fruity crisp, using a total of 6 cups fruit, combining fresh and frozen by flavor and color. First make the crisp by combining 1/2 cup wheat germ (any flavor), 1/2 cup uncooked oats (not instant), 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1/4 cup flour, 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine (melted) and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Toss fruit with 1 tablespoon flour. If using frozen blueberries, leave frozen; otherwise, partially defrost fruit. Spoon fruit into 9-inch square baking dish. Top with wheat germ and oat mixture. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes or until fruit is tender. Top with fat-free creamy or frozen vanilla yogurt, if desired. Each of 9 servings of crisp has 250 calories and 6 grams fat.

Big Fat Tip

Enjoy a homestyle date Feb. 14 in front of the television rooting for favorite teams at the Winter Olympics. In honor of the weekend challenges of U.S. hockey teams against Canadian players, bake an all-American meatloaf. Add chopped onion, bell pepper and carrot to ground turkey breast; use egg whites and high-fiber bread crumbs to help hold the mixture together. Spark flavors with a seasoning mixture of 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon oregano, 1/2 teaspoon thyme, 1/2 teaspoon paprika and a sprinkle of red pepper flakes per 1 pound turkey. Given all the skiing, mashed potatoes are a must. Boil potatoes with fresh garlic and whip with nonfat skim milk and white pepper until they stand in snow-like peaks.

Future Shop

Anyone who ever hosted the college baseball team over spring break will appreciate the challenge of feeding the U.S. Ski Team. At the 1998 Olympic Winter Games, Healthy Choice is supplying an estimated 1,255 meals for athletes to ensure peak performance as they fly down peaks toward gold. The ski team is staying at four different hotels in three towns one to two hours from Nagano and the Olympic Village, where the primary food service is provided. Some skiers need 5,000 calories a day, so this is no time to start a diet because they are not familiar with the foods served. The grocery list includes 2,000 cartons of milk, 2,000 cups of yogurt, 1,500 pieces of fruit and 50 pounds of raisins, 315 pounds of fruit salad, 400 pints of ice cream and 50 gallons of pasta sauce. For favored PB sandwiches, they are shipping 144 loaves of bread, 138 jars of jam and 96 jars of peanut butter.

The Heart Part

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

It is part of the ritual that starts with a furtive glance and may end with a walk down the wedding aisle. It may be a sentimental memory or the path to a child's trust. It comes with a hug, a thoughtful act, sweet thoughts.

The symbolic heart is as much a part of Valentine's Day as those deserving people who receive it. It reaches across the miles as a phone call, a letter, a kind message or a promise to do better. It holds hands, touches a chord of friendship and says words that the voice cannot express.

Candy hearts reflect modern messages. They define the receiver as "awesome," and beg him or her to "e-mail me" or "page me," or do something of an old stand-by -- "kiss me" or "be mine."

These recipes are easy home-baked treats, each made from a packaged mix, that reflect the staying power of a personalized valentine. They are the kind of traditional valentine treat kids grow up to love and give a perfect "10" as long as they live.



SWEETHEART SUNDAES

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare and bake 1 package (13-by-9-inch size) of a favorite brownie mix -- such as original, chocolate chunk, walnut or dark chocolate -- as package directs. Cool completely. Cut brownies with 2-1/2 to 3-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. For each sundae, place 1 brownie heart on dessert plate. Top with several tablespoons of slightly softened ice cream or frozen yogurt. Place another decorated brownie heart on ice cream.

Serve plain; with chocolate ice cream topping or spoonful of cherry pie filling; or wrap tightly and freeze brownie sandwiches.

Makes about 8 brownie sandwiches. For 10 thinner brownie hearts, use 15-by-10-inch pan. Bake about 20 minutes.

COOKIE BAR POPS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheet.

Prepare 1 package cookie bar mix as directed -- except drop dough by 2 level tablespoons to form V-shape on cookie sheet, keeping each V-shape about 2 inches apart. Shape bottom of V using floured fingers, and poke wooden stick with rounded ends into bottom of each until tip of stick is in center of dough.

Bake in preheated oven 15 to 18 minutes until golden brown; cookies brown more as they stand.

Cool slightly on cookie sheet. Remove from sheet, using spatula, to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

Makes about 1 dozen. Notes: For easier handling, cover cookie sheet with parchment paper instead of greasing. For about 18 lollipops, use 2 level teaspoons dough and bake 12 to 14 minutes.

BROWNIE HEARTS

Place paper baking cup in each of 12 to 16 muffin cups.

Prepare 1 package (13-by-9-inch size) brownie mix -- such as original, chocolate chunk, walnut or dark chocolate -- as package directs.

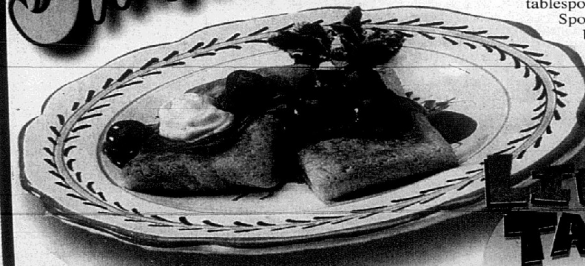
Fill cups about two-thirds full. Don't overfill or brownies will lose their heart shape. To make heart shape, place small marble-size ball of aluminum foil in each cup between paper baking cup and pan.

Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes. Carefully remove from pan. Cool completely.

Decorate to look like valentines. Store tightly covered. Makes 12 to 16.

FOR MORE BIG-HEARTED IDEAS, SEE INSIDE TODAY'S FOOD PAGE 2

Cherry Blintzes



Celebrate the weekend with a Valentine's Day version of traditional pancakes.

Using fork or whisk, beat 1 cup prepared baking mix, 3/4 cup milk and 2 eggs until blended.

Heat lightly greased 8-inch skillet. For each crepe, pour 2 tablespoons batter into skillet. Immediately rotate skillet until batter covers bottom. Cook until golden brown. Run wide spatula around edge to loosen. Stack crepes, placing paper towel between each. Keep covered.

Stir together 3/4 cup small curd cottage cheese, 2 tablespoons sugar, and 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese and 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, each softened. Spoon about 1 tablespoon filling onto browned side of each crepe. Fold sides of crepe over filling, overlapping edges. Roll up.

Heat 2 to 4 tablespoons margarine in 12-inch skillet until bubbly. Cook blintzes seam-side down, turning over once, until browned. Top each with rounded tablespoon sour cream and about 3 tablespoons cherry pie filling. Makes about 6 servings.

LIVELY TASTE

Today's Food

Heart-y Bites

By CINDY BERNER

Test Run

Valentine lovingly dresses festive table and salad

As each Valentine's Day approaches, Sarah thinks about getting out the good china.

She and Ted received four place settings as a wedding gift. Since then, the china has seen the light of day twice. One time was to celebrate their first Valentine's Day together.

China, crystal and candles the mood that day for a romantic dinner of fresh salmon, baked potatoes and salad with homemade dressing.

Twelve years, two children and three house moves later, Sarah and Ted's everyday dishes are chipped, broken and the pattern discontinued. Their cupboard contains a hodgepodge of dishes, including Lion King plastic plates. The china, seemingly too nice to use, sits protectively wrapped in like royalty, awaiting a summons from the basement.

Small touches and attention to detail turn an ordinary meal into a special occasion. Serving dinner on special dishes, using cloth versus paper napkins and lighting candles instead of an overhead light are romantic touches on Valentine's Day that say, "You are special," to young and old alike. It provides good example at home for children, as well as parents.

A special meal means little things are done differently with food, adding an extra ingredient, like radicchio or watercress, to

the salad or preparing homemade dressing makes usual fare extraordinary.

Homemade dressings take more time than a dollop or two of store-bought dressing—but not too much more. Mixing ingredients at home offers greater flexibility in flavors, the amount of sodium can be controlled and a "better" oil containing no more than 2 grams saturated fatty acids per tablespoon—such as olive, canola, corn, safflower, sesame, sunflower or soybean—can be used.

A Salad's Kiss Dressing from Sarah's extra virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar, a flavorful and healthy combination. The American Heart Association's eating plan recommends no more than 5 to 8 servings of fat per day.

By using a small amount of dressing—allow 1 tablespoon per serving—and tossing well, the dressing enhances the texture of the ingredients and adds the flavors instead of overwhelming them.

This year, Sarah is unpacking the china for a repeat performance of their first Valentine's Day dinner.

The salad includes a mix of greens of extra interest. Many supermarkets carry premixed gourmet greens. While expensive for a whole salad, a small amount adds a distinguished touch to the usual romaine and leaf lettuce. Artichoke hearts and

red pepper strips are a colorful plurge that keep with Valentine colors. A few toasted pine nuts add crunch on the top.

The true finishing touch is the dressing. A table will be well dressed and so will the salad with this gentle "kiss" for the lettuce.

Registered dietitian Cindy Berner is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

A SALAD'S KISS DRESSING

- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. prepared mustard
- 1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- ¼ tsp. dill weed
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Freshly ground pepper. Salt to taste, if desired.

In food processor, combine Dijon and prepared mustard, lemon juice, garlic, vinegar, sugar, dill, parsley and pepper. Salt, if desired. With motor running, add oil in slow, steady stream until creamy.

Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Yields 1½ cups dressing; 83 calories, 9 g fat, 17 mg sodium and no cholesterol per tablespoon (without salt).



An assortment of sweets, like caramel popcorn, are featured players in this weekend's game plan for pals, friends and lovers.

Caramel, popcorn destined to meet as sweet two-some

Some snackers think the only thing better than popcorn is crunchy popcorn.

Journal testers were no exception. Back in the days when the little sailor on the Cracker Jack box reigned as king of caramel corn and the prize inside could start a family war, there never was a thought the snack would someday be made without peanuts to cut fat or without molasses for traditional flavor.

Varieties sampled were fat-free Cracker Jack, fat-free Crunch 'n Munch toffee popcorn, Act II caramel popcorn (97 percent fat-free) and Great Northern (97 percent fat-free) caramel corn. At National Markets, Cracker Jack cost \$1.49 for 7 ounces, Crunch 'n Munch cost \$1.19 for 3.5 ounces and Act II cost \$1.65 for 10 ounces; 28 ounces of Great Northern caramel corn was priced at \$2.50 at Dierbergs.

"All of them were very tasty stuff. It was very

hard to tell any difference at first. If you just reached into a bag for a bite, you would satisfy," a taster said.

Act II and Crunch 'n Munch were lighter in color than Great Northern and Cracker Jack.

Crunch 'n Munch, judged more buttery in flavor by several testers, received more positive comments than Act II.

"The Crunch 'n Munch was very good, light in flavor but still sweet enough. I couldn't, however, tell much difference between it and the Act II in flavor. Both were my favorites, even though I found more underpopped kernels in Act II. Maybe it was the lighter color that made the difference psychologically," she said.

Another compared the Crunch 'n Munch to the full-fat variety.

"The Crunch 'n Munch was my favorite of the toffee corn. It is much like the original—crunchy and sweet," she said.

She thought the Act II caramel corn would "do in a pinch."

The darker varieties of caramel corn drew more opinions drawn along the lines of allegiance to an old favorite. Several found that in a kernel-to-kernel showdown, they liked the light varieties much better than the dark ones.

"To me the dark ones taste more 'burnt' in this situation. Maybe it is because they use molasses, which is a flavor I like less than brown sugar," a taster decided.

Despite years of eating Cracker Jack, still the favorite of many, some testers were surprised at how well they liked the unknown Great Northern American brand.

"Great Northern is fantastic: very rich flavor, very satisfying, doesn't taste fat-free, sweet but not too sweet, not an overwhelming number of annoying little hulls to get in your teeth. Overall it's great stuff," said one fan.

Micro Raves

By BARB GRAY

Cupid-driven valentine finds candy wilt-free

Since the Victorian era, women of all ages have awaited St. Valentine's Day to hear how special they are to the men in their lives. Candy accentuates the sweetness of relationships, so sales are high.

Man or woman can earn relationship points, save money and take advantage of the ease of making candy and other special desserts in a microwave oven.

Chocolate-covered peanuts, raisins, pretzels and potato chips make excellent treats for a special someone. They don't need watering or pruning and can be left on the back seat of a car without wilting from the chill.

Place 2 cups chocolate chips—semisweet, milk chocolate, mint or reduced-fat—in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power 1½ minutes. Stir to see if the chips have melted. If necessary, microwave on high 15 seconds at a time longer, stirring after each warming, until chips are just melted when stirred.

Dip whatever is desired and place it on waxed paper to dry. To give as a gift, place the chocolate-covered treats in a red heart-shaped box or tin.

There are several directions to pursue to attract a valentine with an easy sweet. A Peppermint Pretzel Heart is impressive to serve, easy to make, hard to resist. It is one of those addictive salty-sweet snacks that can be eaten one piece at a time.

Raspberry Mousse is

PEPPERMINT PRETZEL HEART

- 1 pkg. (24 oz.) vanilla-flavored candy coating, cut in small pieces
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) large thin pretzels
- 1 pkg. (6.75 oz.) peppermint candy, crushed

Red jelly beans, if desired.

In large glass bowl, microwave candy coating on high power 1½ minutes or until coating melts, stirring once. Dip pretzels in coating, covering completely.

Place coated pretzels on waxed paper. Sprinkle heavily with crushed peppermint. Let dry.

Place single layer of pretzels on large tray in shape of heart. Continue layering remaining pretzels until heart is about 3 inches high.

Spoon several small dots of melted coating around top of heart; press jelly beans into soft coating. Let stand until firm.

RASPBERRY MOUSSE

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup water
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen sweetened raspberries
- 1 cup (½ pint) whipping cream or 2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 tsp. almond-flavored liqueur

Combine sugar, gelatin and water in 2-quart glass bowl. Microwave on high power 2½ to 3 minutes until gelatin is dissolved.

Microwave raspberries in package, removing metal lid if necessary, on high power 45 to 60 seconds until loosened from package. Add to gelatin. Stir occasionally until thawed. Refrigerate about 45 minutes until slightly thickened.

Beat cream until thick. Gently fold into raspberry mixture. Fold in liqueur.

Four mixture into 5-cup heart-shaped mold or into 6 individual molds. Refrigerate at least 4 hours until set. Unmold onto glass serving plate. Garnish with fresh raspberries around edge of heart.

another simple dessert that looks elegant.

Certified family and consumer scientist Barb Gray specializes in microwave cooking.

VALENTINE WARM-UP

Combine 1 can or bottle (40 to 46 ounces) cherry juice blend, 2 tablespoons sugar, juice and peel of 1 lemon, ½ teaspoon whole cloves and 1 cinnamon stick in large saucepan. Simmer over low heat 10 minutes or until hot. Remove and discard lemon peel, cloves and cinnamon stick.

Carefully pour into heatproof punch bowl or cups. Garnish with thin slices of lemon. Makes 10 to 12 servings, ½ cup each.

Punch can be prepared in advance and reheated just before serving.

Recipe

ALL-PURPOSE SEASONING SHAKE

- ¼ cup instant chicken bouillon
- 2 tsp. Italian herb seasoning
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. paprika
- ¼ tsp. pepper

Combine bouillon, Italian seasoning, mustard, garlic powder, paprika and pepper in small bowl or shaker.

Makes ½ cup seasoning.

Baked Chicken: Sprinkle seasoning generously on skinless chicken parts. Bake in preheated 350° oven 20 to 25 minutes until no longer pink in center.

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Rice: Add 1 to 1½ tablespoons seasoning to cooking water when cooking 1 cup rice. Cook according to package directions.

Vegetables: Shake over favorite steamed vegetables.

Heart

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BIG-HEARTED IDEAS.

Pink Mint Cake: Prepare batter as directed on package of 2-layer white cake mix with pudding. Divide batter in thirds. Stir ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract and 3 or 4 drops red food coloring into one-third batter. Randomly drop pink batter in several mounds onto white batter in prepared pan(s) and cut through batter with knife in S-shaped curves in continuous motion. Turn pan one-quarter turn and repeat cutting for marbled effect. Bake as directed. Decorate as desired.

Sugary Design: Make heart-shaped stencil from waxed paper or use paper doily. Place it over unfrosted brownies, chocolate cake or serving plate. Sprinkle confectioner's sugar through sieve over top. Carefully lift away stencil.

Cookie Sandwich: Make Cookie Bar Pops without sticks. Put 2 hearts together with chocolate frosting, ice cream or frozen yogurt.

Shapely Cake: It is not necessary to have a heart-shaped pan. Bake a two-layer cake in a 13½-by-9-inch pan. Frost with icing desired. Decorate with items on hand. For example, arrange mini marshmallows close together to make large heart and add Cupid's arrow, roses or bow made from cherry or strawberry chewy fruit snacks, available in 3-foot rolls.

Gift Valentines: Be sure frosting is set or ice cream is frozen before wrapping a sweet treat in pink plastic wrap. Tie with a ribbon.

Light Learnings: Candies with little, if any fat, include little hearts with messages, red licorice, hard candy, jelly beans, gumdrops, red hots, plain mints, lollipops, gummy candy, marshmallows, Indian corn types and taffy. Because all are made with sugar, calories vary.

Easy rises

This Valentine's Day, surprise a sweetie with a homemade, buttery frozen dough starter. Made with coffee cake or

CHERRY COFFEE

- 1 loaf (1 lb.) frozen dough, thawed
- ¼ cup (½ stick) margarine, softened
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 can (20 oz.) cherry filling
- Glaze

Grease 8- or 9-inch cake pan or fluted tube pan. Evenly divide dough into 12 equal pieces. Roll each piece into a ball. Place balls of dough in pan, spacing rolls rise until

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Today's Food

Easy and light surprise rises on Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day surprise a sweetheart with homemade bread, using frozen dough as a self-starter. Made into a sweet coffeecake or hearty with

ham and chiles, it will please appetites eager for aromatic sentiments from the oven.

Either can be served for brunch or breakfast. Sim-

Glaze: Mix 2 cups confectioner's sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 2 tablespoons milk or water until smooth.

PORTOBELLA MUSHROOM RAGOUT

In medium saucepan, bring 2 cups water, 1 cup uncooked long-grain rice and 3 teaspoons beef bouillon granules to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 15 to 20 minutes until rice is tender.

In large skillet, combine 6 ounces portobella mushroom caps, sliced, with 1 cup water, 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped, and 2 additional teaspoons bouillon granules. Cook 3 to 5 minutes until mushrooms soften. Stir in 2 tablespoons tomato paste. Heat through.

Serve mushroom mixture over rice. Makes 2 to 3 servings.

CHERRY-FILLED COFFEECAKE

- 1 loaf (1 lb.) frozen bread dough; thawed
- 1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 can (20 oz.) cherry pie filling

Grease 8- or 9-inch round cake pan or fluted tart pan. Evenly divide loaf in 8 pieces. Roll each into ball. Dip each ball in melted butter, then roll in sugar.

Place balls of dough evenly spaced in prepared pan. Let rolls rise until double in size

or until balls of dough fill pan.

At this point, if desired, dough can be covered loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerated to rise overnight. To speed rising time, cake can be placed in oven warmed to 140°, then turned off.

Using spoon, gently press down center of each roll. Fill each with about 2 tablespoons pie filling.

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Today's Food



FEELING FIT BY MARK LYMBERPOULOS

Workouts have come a long way from old-fashioned calisthenics. On the cutting edge are some unconventional mind/body fitness routines that combine exercise with dance, martial arts, or mental control to reduce stress. Many are taught on a one-to-one basis.

While American nutritionists are arguing about the best food "pyramid" to follow, the Japanese government just recommends "Eat 30 or more different kinds of food per day." Scientists note that a diet lacking in variety is also likely to lack essential nutrients.

Need new running shoes? It's smart to take the old ones along and let shoe store personnel examine the wear pattern and watch how you walk and run in them.

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Recipe

PEPPER PORK WITH RAMEN NOODLES

- 3/4 lb. boneless lean pork
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp. plus 1/3 cup stir-fry sauce
- 2 pkg. ramen noodle soup
- 2 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cups (about 8 oz.) broccoli florets
- 2 tsp. water
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. sesame oil

Cut pork across grain in strips 1/2-inch wide. Coat with mixture of garlic and 1/2 tablespoon stir-fry sauce. Let stand 15 minutes. Cook noodles (discard or save seasoning for other use)

in 2 quarts boiling water 2 minutes. Drain. Rinse with cold water. Drain thoroughly.

Heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in hot wok or large skillet over high heat. Stir-fry pork 1 1/2 minutes. Remove meat. Reduce heat to medium-high. Heat remaining 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil in same pan. Stir-fry onion 1 minute. Add broccoli and water. Stir-fry 3 minutes.

Stir in pork, noodles, remaining 1/2 cup stir-fry sauce and pepper. Cook, stirring well, until ingredients are coated with sauce. Remove from heat. Add sesame oil. Toss well to combine. Makes 4 servings; 478 calories, 22 g fat, 70 mg cholesterol, 1,055 mg sodium, 38 g carbohydrate and -32 g protein each.

Recipe

WARM VEGETABLES WITH PASTA

- 6 oz. uncooked rigatoni
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 medium red onion, sliced, separated in rings
- 2 cups chopped broccoli

- 4 mushrooms, sliced
- 1 can (8.25 oz.) sliced carrots, drained
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) Italian-style stewed tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Grated romano cheese for garnish

Cook rigatoni according to package directions.

Heat oil in large skillet. Cook garlic, onion, broccoli and mushrooms over medium-low heat until vegetables are barely tender. Add carrots and undrained tomatoes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Simmer over low heat 15 minutes until well heated and flavors become mellow.

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The National Cooking Contest for entries until original chicken worth \$25,000. The National Council and U.S. and Egg Association celebrating 50th anniversary. 43rd National Cooking Contest for May 14, 1998. Texas. The chicken off, now held a year in a different producing state. nation's oldest competition still. Fifty-one contestants to be selected, one



Today's Food

Search resumes for best-of-best in chicken recipes

The National Chicken Cooking Contest is looking for entries until Oct. 15. An original chicken recipe is worth \$25,000.

The National Broiler Council and U.S. Poultry and Egg Association are celebrating 50 years of cooking chicken with the 43rd National Chicken Cooking Contest scheduled for May 14, 1999, in Dallas, Texas. The chicken cook-off, now held every other year in a different poultry-producing state, is the nation's oldest cooking competition still running. Fifty-one contestants will be selected, one from each

state and the District of Columbia, to win an expense-paid trip to the cook-off.

Chicken is the only required ingredient for recipe entries. It can be prepared whole, in parts or in any combination of parts. Recipe preparation and other ingredients are left up to the imagination and creativity of the entrants.

All recipes must be original, make four to eight servings and take less than 3 hours to complete. Judges will select winning recipes based on taste, appearance of cooked recipe, simplicity and overall appeal.

Entrants may submit an unlimited number of recipes. Each should be on a separate piece of paper and include entrant's name, full address and telephone number. Mail to: NCCC, Box 28158, Washington, D.C. 20038-8158. To enter the contest electronically, follow directions at the National Broiler Council's Internet site at www.catchicken.com, where the last NCCC winning recipe, past contest winners and other contestant recipes also can be found.

The \$25,000 top prize at last year's contest went to California contestant Tere-

sa Hannan Smith for Yucatan Chicken with Peach-Avocado Salsa.

YUCATAN CHICKEN WITH PEACH-AVOCADO SALSA

6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 tsp. plus 1 tsp. garlic-pepper seasoning
Juice of 1 orange
Juice of 1 lime
2 tbsp. olive oil

1 tsp. leaf oregano
Peach-Avocado Salsa
Lime slices

Place chicken in shallow glass dish. Rub all sides with garlic pepper. Pour orange and lime juice over chicken. Drizzle with olive oil. Crush oregano with fingers and sprinkle over chicken. Refrigerate, covered, 30 minutes, turning once.

Remove chicken from marinade. In large nonstick skillet over medium heat, saute chicken, turning occasionally, about 12 minutes until lightly browned and fork can be inserted in

chicken with ease.

Serve topped with Peach-Avocado Salsa. Garnish with lime.

Peach-Avocado Salsa: In medium bowl, mix together 1 fresh peach, peeled, pitted and diced; 1 small avocado, peeled, pitted and diced; 1 tomato, peeled, seeded and diced; ¼ cup diced jalapeno; 3 tablespoons chopped red onion, and 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro. In small bowl, whisk together ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice and 2 teaspoons olive oil. Pour into peach mixture, stirring gently.

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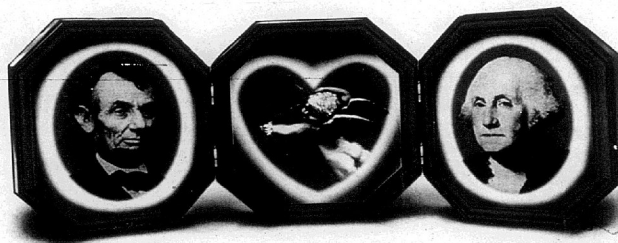
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Today's Food

Blue Ribbon Cook

Double your berry fun with tasty Frosted Salad

Joan Seib, Fenton, is winner of this week's recipe contest for Frosted Salad. The prize is dinner certificates from the Pasta House Co.

This salad, sweet enough to be served as

dessert, begins with frozen strawberries and strawberry gelatin, adds banana and marshmallows, then utilizes the sweet juice from the berries for a creamy topping. She favors taking it

to polluck suppers, where the recipe is always requested for sharing.

Recipes for the Seafood Recipe Contest will be accepted through February. A winner will be rewarded each Wednesday during March, so readers of Today's Food have an opportunity to win four times during the month.

Any type of seafood—fresh, frozen or canned—is welcome for use as an appetizer, main dish, chowder, snack or anything in between. A single household can send a single recipe by Feb. 28 to: Seafood Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

As usual, if there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry.

topping, thawed

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add cool water. Mix well. Chill until partially set. Fold in strawberries, marshmallows and banana. Pour into 13-by-9-inch pan. Chill until set.

Combine sugar, flour, strawberry juice and egg. Cook over low heat until thick. Remove from heat. Add butter. Stir until melted. Chill thoroughly.

Fold in whipped topping. Spread over gelatin.

Note: For pinker topping, add 1 to 3 drops red food coloring.

FROSTED SALAD

- 2 pkg. (4 servings each) strawberry gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 cups cool water
- 2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen sweetened strawberries, thawed, drained, reserving 1 cup juice
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) mini marshmallows
- 3 large ripe bananas, sliced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 cup frozen whipped

Wise Ways

By CAROL SCHLITT

Saturday lets sweeties enjoy honey of a breakfast

Valentine's Day is this Saturday, so it is a perfect day to make breakfast for your sweetie. Nothing is simpler to make than pancakes served with a variety of homemade syrups and toppings.

As one of man's oldest forms of bread, the versatile pancake has hundreds of variations.

Almost every country in the world serves some sort of pancake. From wafer-thin French crepes to yeast-raised buckwheat blini, pancakes are served for breakfast, lunch or dinner and as appetizers, main dishes and desserts.

Americans usually think of pancakes as a breakfast food. No matter what they are called—hot cakes, griddlecakes or flapjacks—pancakes bring old-time goodness to breakfast. Paired with a warm, delicious homemade syrup or topping, pancakes turn that

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sweetie of any age or relationship into an eternal Valentine.

Here is a tried-and-true pancake and two easy topping recipes that work for me on Valentine's Day.

Certified family and consumer scientist Carol Schlitt is nutrition and wellness educator with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service at the Edwardsville Extension Center.

FAMILY-FAVORITE PANCAKES

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 1 cup buttermilk

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In another large bowl, beat eggs. Blend in sugar, oil and buttermilk.

Add dry ingredients to egg mixture, stirring only until dry ingredients are moistened.

Bake on lightly-greased griddle preheated to 375°, turning once, until lightly brown.

Yields: ten 4-inch pancakes; 188 calories, 8.5 g fat, 111 mg cholesterol and 388 mg sodium per 2-pancake serving.

Note: To keep pancakes warm until serving time, place on platter, covered with aluminum foil, in 200° oven.

HOMEMADE MAPLE SYRUP

- 1 cup water
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. maple flavoring
- 1 tsp. butter

In heavy saucepan, heat water to boiling. Stir in sugars.

Reduce heat. Simmer, stirring constantly, until mixture loses cloudy appearance.

Remove from heat. Stir in maple flavoring and butter.

Serve warm.

Yields 1 1/2 cups; 138 calories, 1 g fat, 3 mg cholesterol and 10 mg sodium per 2-tablespoon serving.

CHUNKY PEACH PANCAKE TOPPING

- 1 can (16 oz.) sliced peaches in light syrup or water
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 tbsp. water

In blender, coarsely chop peaches with their juice.

In saucepan, combine peaches, honey and cinnamon. Dissolve cornstarch in water and stir into peaches.

Over medium heat, cook 4 to 5 minutes until mixture boils and thickens. Serve warm.

Yields 1 1/4 cups (5 total servings); 54 calories, no fat or cholesterol and 1 mg sodium per 1/4-cup serving.

TACO RICO WRAPS

In large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, brown 1 pound lean ground turkey or beef.

Drain fat and liquid, if necessary. Stir in 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky salsa, 3 cups cooked rice and 1 can (11 ounces) corn, drained. Cook over medium heat, covered, 5 to 10 minutes until no liquid remains.

Spoon 1/2 cup mixture into each of 6 burrito-size flour tortillas, warmed, and top with about 1 tablespoon shredded Monterey Jack cheese.

Roll up.

Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings; 698 calories, 33 g protein, 21 g fat, 93 g carbohydrate, 73 mg cholesterol, 276 mg sodium and 5 g dietary fiber each.

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Today's Food

Take chicken, add pasta, stir with ethnic accents

A delicious way to spice up the same old pasta dish is to add substance and flavor with chicken. There are more than 50 varieties of Italian pasta made in varying shapes and sizes, but none tastes better than when it is served with a center-of-the-plate food like chicken.

Pesto Chicken Parmesan combines basil pesto with garlic and pine nuts for zest in another Italian favorite. This dish also can be switched to other pestos — now made from myriad ingredients like cilantro and mint — to infuse Spanish or Indian flavor.

For more recipes featuring multiple ethnic cuisines and ingredients, visit the National Broiler Council site at www.catchick-en.com on the Internet. In addition to a variety of recipes, it offers safety and handling guidelines, preparation tips and nutrition facts about poultry.

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER CHICKEN CACCIATORE

- 2 tbsp. oil
- 4 (2½ lb.) chicken breasts
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 can (14 oz.) pizza sauce
- 1 jar (8 oz.) taco sauce
- 1 medium onion, cut in wedges
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 3/4 cup cornbread stuffing for garnish

In large deep skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Sauté about 3 minutes per side until browned on all sides.

Remove chicken.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon oil. Cook onion, garlic and bell peppers, stirring often, about 6 minutes until softened.

Stir in pizza and taco sauces. Add water and parsley. Return chicken to skillet. Bring sauce to simmer. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes, turning over chicken after 10 minutes.

Stir in corn, turning chicken again. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes longer.

PESTO CHICKEN PARMESAN

- 4 (1½ lb.) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 egg
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup Italian-style bread crumbs

Chicken cacciatore takes flavor zing with combination of both tomato and taco sauces.

- 2 tbsp. chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup pine nuts, if desired
- 2 tbsp. pesto
- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. water

Preheat oven to 375°. Between 2 sheets of plastic wrap, pound chicken until ½-inch thick.

Put flour in shallow bowl. In second shallow bowl, whisk together egg, 1 tablespoon pesto and water. In third shallow bowl, combine bread crumbs with 1 tablespoon parsley.

Dredge chicken in flour; dip in egg, turning to coat all sides, then dredge in bread crumbs.

In large nonstick skillet

over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Sauté chicken about 2 minutes per side until browned on all sides. Transfer to shallow baking dish.

In medium bowl, whisk together tomato sauce, garlic and remaining 1 tablespoon pesto. Spoon sauce evenly over chicken. Sprinkle each with parmesan.



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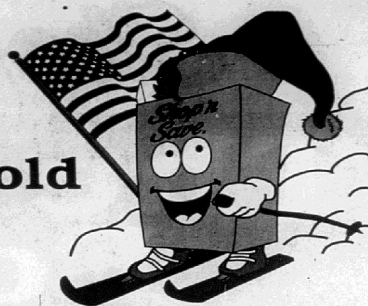
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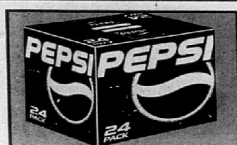
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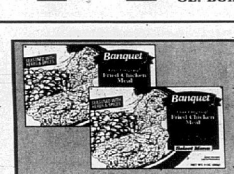
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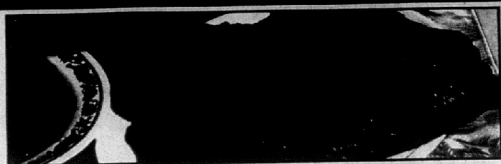
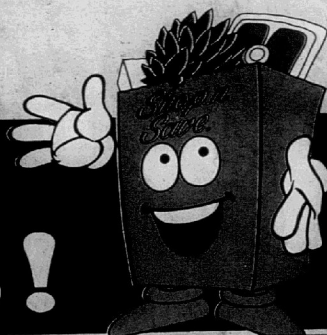
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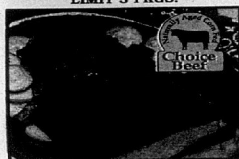
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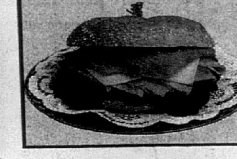
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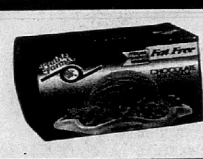
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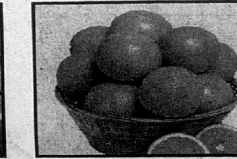
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AUTOMOTIVE

Plymouth Neon is spunky sedan



By Tom Strongman

Even though small-car sales are sagging, there's a lot to be said for economical transportation that sips gas, is fun to drive and can be bought for thousands less than a mid-size vehicle.

The Neon is just such a car. In this case the test car happened to be a Plymouth, but the Dodge version is nearly identical. The Neon was a bold step for Chrysler when it was introduced in 1994, because it was designed, developed and built without sharing any parts or costs with an overseas partner. It proved that an all-American small car could compete against tough competition from abroad.

To bolster Neon sales that were down about 15 percent last year, Chrysler is adding equipment and holding the price. It has eliminated the base model, which makes the "Highline" now the entry-level unit. Plymouth's "Style" package is a special collection of equipment such as a power sun roof, tachometer, power front windows, power mirrors, power locks and an AM/FM stereo cassette player, for \$14,000.

Factor in a 132-horsepower engine, plenty of room for four and styling that is, dare we say, cute, and you have one of the year's best-

small-car bargains.

"Power" and "fun-to-drive" are notable Neon attributes. At the heart of the car sits a 2.0-liter, 16-valve overhead-cam engine that is as feisty a four-cylinder as you are likely to find. It thrums to work with the manners of a pack horse, yet when you need to blast down a freeway ramp before you are devoured by an approaching 18-wheeler it leaps to the task.

Engineers worked to reduce the noise, vibration and harshness of this engine for 1998, and to that end they made improvements. The engine still produces a fair amount of noise, but it feels much smoother.

The five-speed manual gearbox is the transmission of choice for those who want to drive their subcompacts like sports cars, because it gives the driver easy access to the engine's power reserve. True, the automatic would be handy in stop-and-go traffic, but it soaks up power. The five-speed also serves up the best fuel economy.

Our test car was rated at 29 mpg around town.

Neons now comply with California's Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards.

A double-wishbone suspension is used for flat cornering and good road holding. The body rolls very little in turns, and the level of grip is impressive, which makes it a sensible alternative for those who want a miniature

been a Neon trademark, and they have been successful in amateur racing circles. A Competition Group package contains quicker steering, performance-tuned suspension and various other improvements. A 150-horse, twin-cam motor also is optional.

The Neon's cab-forward design provides for an interior that is quite roomy for small-car standards. Head and leg room in front are more than adequate, even for tall drivers. In the back, leg room is on par with many larger vehicles. A split-folding back seat is standard, so that active owners can expand the cargo hold as they need.

Chrysler added second-generation air bags that open less forcefully. From an ergonomic standpoint, I would swap the radio and heater controls to get the radio higher and closer to the driver's line of sight.

Overall, the Neon is a fun car that exudes energy and enthusiasm at a reasonable price. It is not for everyone, but those who like a spunky car will feel right at home.

The base price of our test car was \$11,355. The Style package (\$2,745) consists of air conditioning, power sun roof, tachometer, power front windows, power locks, power mirrors and AM/FM cassette player. Floor mats, for \$50, brought the sticker price to \$14,105.

The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The Neon has a feisty four-cylinder engine, generous interior and a competitive price.

Counterpoint: It has a fair amount of engine noise, cup holders that are too low and a ride that some may find objectionably firm.

Racing memorabilia: Some is valuable, much is not

By Rick Stoll

Happen to have Grandpa's program from the 1911 Indianapolis 500 growing mold in the basement? Is a bronze pit badge from the '38 Indy race hiding in a desk drawer? An autographed picture of Henry Ford?

A 1953 "Hot Rod and Speedway" comic book? If one of these items is hidden in a cranny somewhere, you've got a small nest egg on your hands. But if you own one of the millions of more recent auto-related memorabilia items, don't rent a safe deposit box just yet.

Collectors spend millions of dollars a year on car-related memorabilia, especially items related to auto racing. The holidays recently added to my office bookshelf a book covering a sports collectible field that has exploded relatively recently.

"Auto Racing: Memorabilia and Price Guide," (304 pages, Mark Allen Baker, Krause Publications, Iola, Wis.) covers the broad range of racing stuff, from press kits to die-cast cars, from fans buy everywhere from race tracks to department stores.

Baker, described as a collector of sports memorabilia since the 1960s, fills an awful lot of pages with long race histories and driver biographies rather than explanations of the history and trends of collecting.

However, by digging hard enough in this somewhat disorganized book, it is possible to determine what prices collectors have been paying for a broad array of souvenirs.

As baseball card collectors have found, if you want to make money in the hobby you need old stuff, because new items are manufactured in such volumes they may not be worth much for years.

The program from the first Indianapolis 500, if you can find one, might be worth \$1,650. A bronze pit entrance badge from the 1938 race is \$2,500. The same items from the 1961 race have been valued at \$30 and \$90.

If you collect autographs, try to meet dead people. A Louis Chevrolet signature has been sold for \$1,750; Henry Ford's has gone for \$2,000. Scribbles from the very alive A.J. Foyt and Parnelli Jones are \$15 to \$22.

The first issue of "Hot Rod and Speedway" comics, only five were published, is worth \$125. People who want to school with St. Louis-area drivers, Ken Schrader and Rusty Wallace will be amused to learn that both have been featured in their own comic books. The cartoon characters look nothing like the real drivers.

The books won't earn your retirement, but a Schrader book is worth \$4.50 while Wallace's is listed at \$5. Their autographed pictures are listed at \$8 to \$25. Even the oldest racing trading cards, printed in the early 1960s, are generally worth little. A 1963 Mario Andretti card is still a steal at \$4. A 1968 Schrader card should be available for \$3. Wallace's 1988 card is valued at \$4.

Die-cast cars are very popular but produced in large volumes. Most are worth little, but when new, except for cars of unknown drivers who became successful later.

My copy of The Famous 500 Mile Race Game, an old, cheap board game, is still cheap - \$15. So much for early retirement.

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8 Cyl., Ltr. 21,791 MI.	8 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 5,411 MI.	4 Cyl., Ltr. 19,757 MI.	8 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 1,305 MI.	2DR, 4.2L, 4 Cyl. 1,305 MI.	Est. 1997, 6 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,428 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.
\$29,355	\$20,955	\$8,855	\$19,355	\$10,355	\$10,855	\$12,555	\$14,555	\$15,555	\$15,555	\$15,555	\$15,555
96 CHEVROLET PICKUP EXT. CAB	97 NISSAN PATHFINDER	97 FORD TRUCK F250 4X2 SUPER CAB	97 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4 DR	95 FORD TRUCK F150 4X2 R/S/C CAB	97 JEEP GR CHR 4X4	97 SATURN SC2 2DR COUPE	97 SATURN SC2 2DR COUPE	97 SATURN SC2 2DR COUPE	97 SATURN SC2 2DR COUPE	97 SATURN SC2 2DR COUPE	97 SATURN SC2 2DR COUPE
48 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,471 MI.	6 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,471 MI.	4.2L, 4 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,471 MI.	4.2L, 4 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,471 MI.	4.2L, 4 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,471 MI.	4DR, 4 Cyl., P. Eq. Cab. 3,471 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.	4DR 4X4 10,507 MI.
\$21,855	\$27,355	\$25,555	\$28,855	\$12,455	\$22,255	\$12,555	\$14,555	\$15,555	\$15,555	\$15,555	\$15,555

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